Jonathan Geffner & Friends. The "Friends" are the puppet partners of this versatile ventriloquist. He has appeared on national television networks that include NBC, FOX, WOR, ABC and CNBC.

Yale Strom - Yale is a world leading performer of Klezmer and Roma music and culture. He will also lecture on: "The Music of Chagall's Childhood: The Khasidim & Itinerant Klezmorim."

Elizabeth Schwartz, in concert with Strom, is celebrated for her dusky timbre. There will be a screening of the film: "Romania, Romania: Searching for Schwartz."

Jane Peppler – Mappamundi, her band does in high-energy acoustic music. She is finding melodies to 124 lost from Yiddish theater curated by Itzik Zhelonek of Warsaw, in the 30’s.

Cookie Blattman is a popular local Yiddish entertainer and vocalist. Cookie was V.P. of the Circle of Yiddish Clubs of So. Florida. To each song, she brings color, and a story.

Naomi Miller is a recording artist with folk music, Broadway, and musical comedy. As a past member of the Folksbiene Yiddish Theater, she has performed in Canada, Israel and Greece.

Alejandra Czarny has been singing most of her life. She has a Jewish radio program, leads a Latin American songs band, and is a cantorial soloist. She was born in Argentina.

David and Shira Presler David is a recording artist and cantor. His repertoire spans Broadway, classic Broadway, opera to synagogue. Shira was with the Actor’s Studio and Metropolitan Opera.

Entertainers and presenters will be offering their CDs/DVDs and books after their performances and presentations.

An innovation at this year’s conference is the introduction of all the exhibitors/vendors. This will be on Sunday from 5-6 pm when each of them will have the opportunity of making a presentation to the attendees showing and offering their items.

Florida-Based First-Time Merchants

Two Dolls Dishing the Dirt: They will be selling quality costume jewelry at reasonable prices. Contact Andrea Abelow at: E-mail: a19abelow@bellsouth.net Ph: 561-495-3900 or JoAnn Gerson at: jerjo933@comcast.net - 561-638-8425

Survivor Cookbook: Recipes your family will enjoy, stories they will never forget. Owned by Joanne Caras www.survivorcookbook.com 443-604-2643

Voyage Boutique: European fashions and accessories -- including golf and tennis items by Anita Casey www.voyageboutique.com or phone 561-279-2984

Sharon’s Lovely Linens: Beautiful linens in many colors. Affordable elegance of the Andrew Borell Collection will be presented by Sharon Wentnick www.SharonsLovelyLinens.com or 561-880-5810

Jeff Gold of Creative Seminars will again be recording and having copies of lectures of previous conferences as well other recordings. His website is at: cstapes.com and he can be reached at tapeman@cstapes.com or call 845-679-6885

Among the presenters who will be offering their books and films are:

Gennady Estraikh – Professor at NYU

Ruth Goodman – Yiddish teacher and Author

Abigail Hirsch – Filmmaker AskAbigail

Roberta Newman – YIVO Dir. Digital Initiatives

Boris Sandler – Forverts Editor-in-Chief
Dr. Arnold “Arnie” Adicoff’s – IAYC Conference Featured Exhibitor

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Leo Wallach was Ruth’s cousin (by marriage) and yearly sent us original watercolors for Chanukah, Passover, and New Year. I have saved and framed 25 pieces. Enclosed are some representative watercolors and one black & white drawing. He received a number of honors and was the official artist for the naval or maritime agency in France. Unfortunately he died suddenly in Dec 2013.

Editor’s note: Below are nostalgic memories from Dr. Adicoff. This article was published in Der Bay. He and his wife Ruth, of blessed memory, were the first to register for the IAYC conferences. Invariably they came up first in the listing of attendees. Ruth was missed in Pittsburgh. He has attended six conferences and is an associate member of the IAYC.

Heart and Lung

By Dr. Arnold Adicoff (retired cardiologist)

Here is the heart and lung stew that my mother used to prepare in the 1930’s. Although it has been 80 years since I last ate it, I can still taste its amazing mix of flavors and still smell the wonderful aromas.

Heart and Lung Stew – A Tale of the Depression

In the early 1930’s, I would accompany my mother in some of her shopping trips. Visiting the kosher butcher shop was the most interesting. The most memorable visits were those were those shopping for the ingredients of one of my favorite dishes — harts un lungen gedishekhts.

My mother would start by ordering a halb-fertl frishe fleysh (1/8 lb. of fresh beef). Then she would continue on in this fashion. Varf arayn a por markh beyner—no charge; a shtikl leber, bitte—no charge; oykhet a shtik milts (spleen)—no charge. Nu a bisl harts—no charge; oykhet a shtikl lungen un nirn (kidneys)—no charge; un etvos grashitse (a bit of sweetbreads)—no charge.

The next two or three days were like a holiday, eating our fill of a most delicious and flavorful stew, virtually unobtainable today. And all of this was for 15 cents—the cost of a halb-fertl frishe fleysh.