

Discourses in Dying Languages: My Story With Yiddish



Sunday January 25 2009

2 - 4 pm

**The National Museum of Language
7100 Baltimore Avenue Suite 202
College Park, Maryland 20740**

Open to the public. Admission is free.



**Speaker: Miriam Isaacs,
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Studies, University of Maryland**

What is the place of Yiddish in the context of a globalizing world? The role of Yiddish as a heritage language and its present uses by Jewish and non-Jewish speech communities around the world are considered, including Hasidim at one end of a cultural spectrum and European Christians at the other end. A theoretical description of the instruction of Yiddish and language competition with Hebrew and English will be supplemented by a personal reflection on what it means to be

a Yiddish speaker and Yiddish teacher in today's world. Reservations requested by January 23.

The Marian M. Jenkins Memorial Speaker Series

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the public and free of cost, they expand on topics related to the languages of the current exhibit. For reservations, please call (301) 864-7071 or e-mail events@languagemuseum.org Please include your name and phone number.

For future events, please visit our website at: languagemuseum.org/calendar.htm

Light refreshments will be served.

Ample free parking available. Free and open to the public.

Reservations are needed because of limited seating.

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