

אקטיוויזם
די שטער קולטור - קאנגרעס
ל"ט - צוזאמענפאר
1969
3rd WORLD CONFERENCE ON JEWISH CULTURE



Nechama Lifshitz at the 1969 World Conference of the Congress for Jewish Culture

The ongoing digitization of the close to 900 tapes of audio material belonging to the Jewish Labor and Political Archives is uncovering fascinating moments in history. The recordings capture things like union meetings, in particular of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union; recordings of the Bund World Conference over the years; commemorative events; and literary evenings. Some recordings include live performances of remarkable artists, such as a noted 1969 recital given by the Soviet and Israeli soprano Nechama Lifshitz at the Third World Conference of the Congress for Jewish Culture. This performance followed Lifshitz's immigration from Kaunas to Israel which enabled her to tour in the United States. Accompanied on piano by Renee Salomon, the "Nightingale of Yiddish Song" performs songs in Yiddish and Hebrew, in a singing style that reflects her classical voice training. The day after her performance, Lifshitz spoke about the difficult circumstances of the Jews in the Soviet Union, taking part in the appeal to pass resolutions calling for the Soviet government to allow Jews to immigrate to Israel and abroad.



Listen to the archival recordings at:

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FALL 2026 JLPA PROGRAM

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More than a Symbol: The Jewish Labor Bund in History

LECTURE | IN PERSON & ON ZOOM | Joshua Meyers provides an overview of the Bund, rooted not in our world or imaginations, but in the reality of the party's own members, while exploring its legacy and that of Diaspora Socialism in the 21st century. THIS EVENT FORMS PART OF A SERIES HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DIGITIZATION OF YIVO'S JEWISH LABOR AND POLITICAL ARCHIVES (JLPA).

JLPA BY THE NUMBERS: TO DATE



Approximately
3.5 million
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66% processed
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ABOUT THE PROJECT

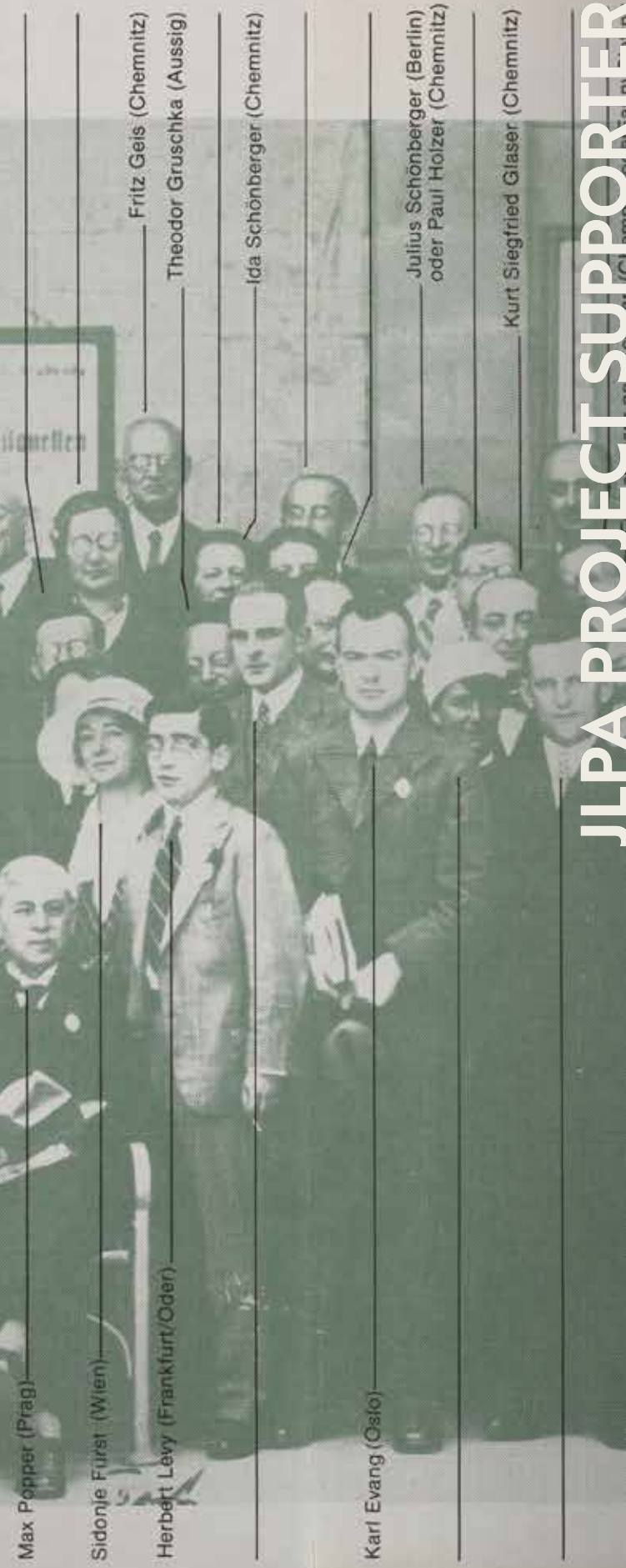
YIVO's Archival team continues to pour its efforts into the Jewish Labor and Political Archives Project (JLPA)—now more than halfway through the project. Consisting of nearly 200 collections totaling 3.5 million pages of archival documents, the JLPA is the world's most comprehensive body of material on Jewish social and political activism in Europe and the United States. Spanning the years 1870 to 1992, the JLPA tells the story of Jews' involvement in the European political and revolutionary movements of the 20th century and resistance to the Holocaust, as well as their impact on the American labor movement and the fight for fair wages and workers' rights.

As of July 24, 2026, the JLPA project has raised over \$7.5 million toward its \$8.5 million goal. There is still time for you to support the digitization of the JLPA! Please consider directing a contribution to the JLPA to ensure this historic archival resource is available to a global audience. Your commitment will be matched by a challenge grant from an anonymous foundation, amplifying your support!

We are profoundly indebted to Irene Pletka for her generous lead support of this extraordinary collection.

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