



36th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

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The Seattle Jewish Theater Company to perform at the 36th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

This summer's 36th conference of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies in Seattle will feature a performance of the highly acclaimed play *From Door to Door*. The heart-warming, bittersweet comedy will be staged by the Seattle Jewish Theater Company, a local theater group devoted to Jewish-themed plays.

Written by award-winning playwright James Sherman and directed by SJTC artistic director Art Feinglass, *From Door to Door* follows the lives of three generations of a family of Jewish women, from impoverished immigrant to successful American. The performance will take place on the evening of August 9 in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Seattle, where the conference will run from August 7 to 12.

As director Art Feinglass notes, "The play takes its title from the Hebrew song *L'dor V'dor*, 'from generation to generation.' It examines what it means to grow up Jewish and to love those closest to, and most like, ourselves." An audience discussion with the director and cast will follow the performance.

During the conference, SJTC will also present *Jewish History Live* in which actors will portray Jewish immigrants who came to Seattle from areas as disparate as Turkey, Rhodes, and Russia in the early 1900s, and Germany and Czechoslovakia in the 1930s. They will engage conference attendees in conversation, tell their personal stories and share their dreams as new immigrants to America.

This summer's IAJGS conference will also feature a Jewish Film Festival put together by leading Jewish film scholar and teacher of cinema Eric Goldman. Other highlights include the opening night keynote address by Dr. Devin Naar, chair of the University of Washington Sephardic Studies Program, and a resource room accessing a vast array of databases. And, as at previous conferences, remote streaming of selected programs will be available through LIVE!

For more information, contact the conference co-chairs Janette Silverman, Phyllis Grossman, and Chuck Weinstein through the conference website www.iajgs2016.org. For more information about Seattle Jewish Theater Company, visit www.SeattleJewishTheater.com.