

Herzliche Einladung

in Kooperation mit dem Zentrum Erinnerungskultur

Shotns / Schatten (Shadows) - Songs from Testimonies: lecture-concert by Dr. D. Zisl Slepovitch.

When: 1st of July 2024, 6 p.m.

Where: Haus der Begegnung, Hinter der Grieb 8, Regensburg

Dr. D. Zisl Slepovitch is the Musician-in-residence in the **Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies at Yale University**, helmed by its director Stephen Naron. The Archive, founded in 1979 as a grassroots initiative, has amassed over 4400 testimonies of Holocaust survivors and witnesses, over 60 of which contain valuable pieces of music and poetry. In 2018 Dr. Slepovitch started his work on the Archive's music project, named **Songs from Testimonies**, in this complex multidisciplinary and cross-industry role. Over the past six years he produced, together with the Zisl Slepovitch Ensemble featuring singer Sasha Lurje, three music albums, a video series, performed and gave talks in the United States (including Yale University, Carnegie Hall's Voice of Hope festival, and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research), Israel (Tel-Aviv University), the UK (Conway Hall, London), and European Union (MDW Wien, NS-Dokumentationszentrum München, Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, to name a few). Animation based on one of the songs in the project (The Waltz / A Valts), created by Yulia Ruditskaya, has won prizes and nominations at multiple film festivals worldwide.

Songs from Testimonies project creates a window into the survivors and witnesses' lives and amplifies their voices, which seems important now as never before since the Holocaust. The presentation will be held in English.

Bio:

Dr. D. Zisl Slepovitch is a native of Minsk, Belarus, who has resided in the United States since 2008. He is a musicologist and ethnomusicologist (Ph.D., Belarusian State Academy of Music); a multi-instrumentalist klezmer, classical, and improvisational musician (woodwinds, keyboards); a composer, arranger, conductor, a music and Yiddish educator. Slepovitch is a founding member of the critically acclaimed klezmer collective Litvakus and Zisl Slepovitch Ensemble. He has served in multiple performance and creative roles in numerous productions by the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene (New York), State Jewish Theatre (Bucharest), He serves as the Musician-in-Residence at Yale University's Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies, and in that capacity produced three critically acclaimed records. Among Slepovitch's numerous theatre, film, and TV credits are the *Defiance* movie, *Eternal Echoes* album (Sony Classical), *Rejoice* with Itzhak Perlman and Cantor Yitzchak Meir Helfgot (PBS), and *Fiddler on the Roof* in Yiddish (off-Broadway).

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Gesprächskonzert mit Dr. D. Zisl Slepovitch
(Musician-in-Residence, Yale University)

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