HOLD YOUR EVENT AT THE YIDDISH BOOK CENTER

A Unique Space for Your Celebration, Conference, or Special Event

The Yiddish Book Center offers a lovely setting and unique place for family simkhes (celebrations), conferences, and community events. Located in Amherst, in the heart of western Massachusetts’ Pioneer Valley, the Center is surrounded by peaceful gardens, a ten-acre apple orchard, and a spectacular view of the rolling Holyoke Range.

Outside, our architecturally distinct building echoes traditional Eastern European design, with gabled roofs and cedar siding; inside, the space opens to a light-filled space overlooking the main floor repository, galleries, theater, and performance hall.

All indoor rental spaces are fully accessible and air-conditioned. A professional kitchen is available for use by approved caterers.

About the Yiddish Book Center

The Yiddish Book Center—the world’s first Yiddish museum—is home to permanent and visiting exhibits, two performance halls, a reading library, educational classrooms, and the Center’s collection of over a million Yiddish books.

We’re happy to work with you to tailor your event. To schedule a tour of the Yiddish Book Center and learn more about planning your event, call Sami Keats at 413-256-4900, ext. 107, or email skeats@yiddishbookcenter.org.

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has both indoor and outdoor rental spaces suitable for all occasions

KLIGERMAN-GREENSPUN PERFORMANCE HALL
A spacious, light-filled hall ideal for larger indoor celebrations and events, including weddings and bar and bas mitzvahs. The 3,000 square foot space holds 221 people with theater-style seating, 150 to 180 people for a seated dinner, and 120 to 165 people for a buffet dinner with a dance floor.

APPLEBAUM-DRIKER THEATER
An intimate setting for presentations and ceremonies, filled with natural light from windows on the stage. The theater comprises a 640-square-foot main area with upholstered bench-style seating for 78 people, as well as a 390-square-foot stage. A large projection screen and full audiovisual equipment are available for your use. Nearby classrooms are available for smaller gatherings and break-out sessions. The classrooms can accommodate 20 to 25 people each and can be arranged in various configurations for meetings or presentations. The classrooms are also AV-equipped.

TERRACE
An expansive outdoor terrace with panoramic views and ample space for tented ceremonies and events. The terrace overlooks an apple orchard and garden, ideal for photo shoots and cocktail parties. The terrace is 7,900 square feet, with room for a tent of up to 3,200 square feet (40 x 80 feet). Tent rental information is available upon request.

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EVENT CATERING

Our professional "milkhig" (dairy-only) kitchen is available for use by a kosher or non-kosher caterer as long as they follow a kosher dairy-style menu of vegetarian and dairy meals only, including fish but not shellfish.

Caterers are responsible for providing bar service and liquor liability. Alternately, a meat meal can be served provided the meat is kosher and preparation takes place outside of our dairy-only kitchen. Catering requirements and a list of area kosher and non-kosher caterers are available upon request.

“The Yiddish Book Center’s airy indoor spaces and gardens created a warm backdrop for our friends and family. The flexible spaces allowed us to comfortably accommodate more than 160 guests for our wedding ceremony, cocktail hour, dinner, and dancing. The Center’s staff worked with us to customize a beautiful day. Thank you.”
—Rachel Finer and Aaron Levy

“Beautiful space, wonderful collection. I also found it is a wonderful, unique place for a wedding.”

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MORE INFORMATION

RENTAL HOURS
The Yiddish Book Center is available for rental for daytime and evening functions seven days a week. Events that run longer than six hours may incur additional fees.

AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT
The Center can provide access to some audiovisual equipment in most spaces, and can recommend outside vendors for more complicated requests. Details can be discussed when you visit the space.

ACCOMMODATIONS
You can find information about local hotels, restaurants, attractions, and shopping at visithampshirecounty.com. Our staff is also happy to provide recommendations.

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