



### Joint Adult Education Committee



The Temple Israel/Temple Concord Adult Education Group presents *The best of the YIDDISH RADIO PROJECT* (with a sprinkling of *OLD JEWS TELLING JOKES*), in a brunch program on Sunday, January 21, at 10:00 am, at Temple Israel, with Steve Gilbert as facilitator.

In four programs between December 2011 and December 2016, the Adult Ed Group presented episodes of the **acclaimed 2003 NPR Yiddish Radio Project**. Steve has selected three of his favorite episodes for a second showing, accompanied by a slide show of photos of 1920s-1960s New York City—roughly the era of Yiddish radio. The episodes are:

**Victor Packer—The One Man Network**: An avant-garde poet turned programming director, Victor Packer experimented with every genre imaginable in a desperate attempt to fill his daily four-hour slot. The results are brilliant and hilarious!

**The Radio Dramas of Nahum Stutchkoff**: Stutchkoff created some of the most intense, intimate and emotional dramas ever broadcast on radio to provide listeners the opportunity to experience what life was like in the Jewish tenements of New York City. The Project profiles a forgotten genius of the 20th century and airs one of his classic episodes for the first time in 60 years.

**Commercials on Yiddish Radio**: Yiddish radio stations in the 1930's and 1940's devoted a considerable portion of the broadcast day to commercials for businesses large and small. As Henry Sapoznik recounts, these commercials provide a unique insight into the everyday life of New York's Jewish community.

**But that's not all!!**

In February, 2012, the TI Adult Ed Group presented 40, 1-minute(ish) videos from the *Old Jews Telling Jokes* collection. Steve has selected 7 or 8 of his favorites, and will sprinkle them throughout the program. You'll be thankful!

January 21 is likely to be a cold, gray, day. Why not brighten it up with a delicious brunch, a lively, entertaining, and informative program, and some good friends?!?

A \$5 donation for the brunch meal will be gratefully accepted at the door. Please RSVP by sending an email to the Temple Israel office ([titammy@stny.twcbc.com](mailto:titammy@stny.twcbc.com)), or calling us at 723-7461. Unless you've solved the linear-unidirectional-space-time barrier problem, you should RSVP *before* the program. Hope to see you then & there!