

2026 Yetzira Jewish Poetry Conference: In-Person Public Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, all rooms listed are located in the **Blue Ridge Center** of the **YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly**, 84 Blue Ridge Cir, Black Mountain, NC 28711

We welcome audience members of all traditions to our events.

[An all-events in-person pass can be purchased here.](#)

Tuesday, June 16		
1:15-2 pm	Keynote Address <i>Robert Pinsky</i>	Y Alumni Room
2-3:30 pm	A Conversation, with Reading: <i>Robert Pinsky,</i> <i>in conversation with Carol Moldaw</i>	Y Alumni Room
Doors open 6:30. Reading 7-8:15	Tuesday Reading <i>Yehoshua November</i> <i>Ellen Bass</i>	Y Alumni Room
Wednesday, June 17		
1:30-2:45 pm	Four Jews, Five Opinions: Wrestling with the Concept of "Jewish Poetry" <i>Mara Lee Grayson, Sarah Sassoon,</i> <i>Rich Michelson, and Patty Seyburn</i>	Y Alumni Room
3:15-4:30 pm	Tachles & Technique: Four Approaches to Poetic Craft <i>Chloe Yale Pinto, Lizzy Beck,</i> <i>Sharon Dolin, and Deborah Gorlin</i>	Y Alumni Room
Thursday, June 18		
1:30-2:45 pm	The (Jewish) Artist in Times of Crisis <i>Valerie Bandura, Aviva Dautch,</i> <i>Jessica Nordell, and Joanna Chen</i>	Y Alumni Room
3:15-4:30 pm	Midrash, Influences, and the Archive: Writing Into & Out of Texts <i>Lior Maayan, Amy Small-McKinney,</i> <i>Amy Gottlieb, and Leah Falk</i>	Y Alumni Room

Doors open 6:30 Reading 7-8:15	Thursday Reading Carol Moldaw, Dan Rosenberg, Dana Levin	Y Alumni Room
Friday, June 19		
1:30-2:45 pm	Writing Beyond Ourselves: Poetry as Prayer <i>Donna Spruijt-Metz, Karen Javits, Julie R. Enszer, and Alicia Ostriker</i>	Y Alumni Room
4:30-5 pm	Shabbat Hors d'oeuvres	Y Alumni Room
Doors open 5 Reading 5:30-6:45 pm	Friday Reading <i>Hadara Bar-Nadav, Jason Schneiderman</i>	Y Alumni Room
6:45-7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat <i>Led by Rena Branson</i> (open to the public)	Y Alumni Room