



# Mayday! May Day! Songs of Hope in Times of Struggle

## A Besere Velt Yiddish Chorus of Boston Workers Circle

Derek David, Music Director

Featuring **Judy Bressler** and **Hankus Netsky**

May 4, 2024

### Program

#### A Besere Velt

- *May Lid* (Song of May)  
Lyrics: M. Sorerives; Music: M. Posner  
Arrangement: unknown  
Additional arrangement: Derek David
- *Di Arbuzn* (The Watermelons)  
Lyrics: Mendl Abarbanel; Music: Ben Yomen  
Arrangement: Ethel Raim  
Additional arrangement: Derek David
- *Daloy Politsey* (Down with the Police)  
Unknown; addition lyrics: Lisa Gallatin, Linda Gritz; Arrangement: Lisa Gallatin
- *Bella Ciao* (Farewell, Beautiful)  
English/Italian lyrics and Music: unknown  
Yiddish lyrics: Linda Gritz  
Arrangement: Lisa Gallatin
- *Vortsl un Fligl* (Root and Wing)  
Linda Gritz  
Arrangement: Derek David
- *A Shtik fun Harts* (A Piece of My Heart)  
Lyrics: Josh Waletsky  
Music: Michael Winograd and Josh Waletsky  
Arrangement: Josh Waletsky
- *Dos Naye Lid* (A New Song)  
Lyrics: Abraham Reisen; Music: Unknown  
Arrangement: Maurice Rauch

#### Judy Bressler & Hankus Netsky

- *Visotskis Tey* (Wissotsky's Tea)  
Josh Waletzky
- *Der Rebe Elimeylekh* (The Rabbi Elimelekh)  
Moishe Nadir
- *Zingt Oyf Yidish* (Sing in Yiddish)  
Arkady Gendler

- *Dance Me to the End of Love*  
Leonard Cohen
- *Paprosn* (Cigarettes)  
Lyrics: Herman Yablokoff  
Melody: traditional Russian folksong
- *Mir Far Dayne Beyndelekh*  
(It Should Happen to Me, Not You)  
Lyrics: Nahum Stutchkoff  
Music: Joseph Rumshinsky

### INTERMISSION

#### Judy Bressler & Hankus Netsky with A Besere Velt

- *Abi Gezunt* (So Long As You're Healthy)  
Lyrics: Molly Picon; Music: Abraham Ellstein  
Arrangement: Derek David
- *Dona Dona*  
Lyrics: Sholem Secunda; Music: Aaron Zeitlin  
Arrangement: Mark Zuckerman
- *Vilne* (Vilna)  
Lyrics: Alexander Olshanetsky  
Music: A.L. Wolfson  
Arrangement: Mark Zuckerman
- *Gonna Get Through This World*  
Lyrics: Woody Guthrie; Music: Lisa Gutkin  
Arrangement: Lisa Gallatin
- *Di Tsukunft* (The Future)  
Lyrics: Morris Winchevsky; Music: Unknown  
Arrangement: Derek David
- *Dos Land iz Dayn Land* (This Land Is Your Land)  
Yiddish lyrics: Linda Gritz, Daniel Kahn, Michael Alpert, and Josh Waletzky  
(after Woody Guthrie); Music: Woody Guthrie  
Arrangement: Derek David

## A BESERE VELT

### Altos

Sarah Axelrod  
Ava Cheloff  
Carol Cohn  
Laura Derman  
Norma Finkelstein  
Rebecca Fraimow  
Marcia Goldensher  
Debbie Goodman  
Beth Karp  
Amy Lampert  
Susan Leskin  
Peri Levin McKenna  
Beth Lovell  
Margery Meadow  
Kim Meyers  
Debra Poaster  
Helen Raizen  
Coco Rosenberg  
Barbara Ruskin  
Sandy Sachs  
Dana Schaul

Ilana Shotkin  
Julie Silberman  
Jenny Silverman  
Vicki Solomon  
Susan Sommer  
Gabi Tew  
Mae Tupa

### Basses

Henry Carey  
Steve Diner  
Mike Felsen  
Bob Follansbee  
Michael  
Furstenberg  
Richard Goldberg  
Michael Katz  
Tim McKenna  
Steve Ostrow  
Larry Rich  
Raúl Salinas  
Joel Schwartz  
Richard Segan

Andy Strauss  
Brent Whelan Alan  
Shotkin  
Mitchell Silver

### Sopranos

Martha Carol  
Judy Ehrlich  
Ronda Goodale  
Tolle Graham  
Anya Grzegorzewski  
Elisheva  
Grzegorzewski  
Debbie Katz  
Cynthia Kohn  
Linda Kramer  
Lisa Kipen-  
Hershenson  
Enid Kumin  
Vivian Nash  
Lena Papagiannis  
Ruby Poltorak  
Ann Silverman

Donna Southwell  
Judith Schwartz  
Sarah Swartz  
Lilye Weitzman  
Beth Worell

### Tenors

Robin Barnes  
Norman Berman  
Ed Brody  
Barbara Brown  
Jacob Cantor  
Viktor Detweiler  
Linda Gritz  
Susan Jones  
Renee Kasinsky  
Pauline Katz  
Chuck Mangan  
Dianne Perlmutter  
Steve Perlmutter  
Peter Rhodes  
Davey Shlasko  
Stephen Zisk

**Livestreaming/Recording:** Andrew Nicastro, Streamography

**Sound Engineer:** Eric Kilburn, Wellspring Sound

**Thank you** to BWC staff, Concert Committee, Steering Committee, Script Committee, Chamber Ensemble, Section Leaders, Narrators, and all our wonderful Volunteers who make this concert possible!

**In Memoriam:** We remember all our dear, departed friends who sang with A Besere Velt over the years. Their voices and spirits are firmly fixed in our memories, and they continue to inspire us.

## HOST COMMITTEE

### ➤ **Resistance Circle**

Henrietta Robin Barnes  
Michael Felsen & Tolle  
Graham

Lisa Gallatin  
Mishpokhe Katz-Gritz  
Ann Koloski-Ostrow  
& Steven Ostrow

Norma Finkelstein  
Bob Follansbee  
& Jenny Silverman

### ➤ **Roots Circle**

Sarah T. Axelrod  
Norm Berman & Sheri  
Abrams

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& Kathy MacDonald  
Andy Strauss

Sarah Freeman  
Dianne Perlmutter  
& Julie Silberman  
Judith Schwartz  
& Michael Furstenberg

Harry Bochner  
& Judy Rottenberg  
Ava Cheloff  
Laura Derman & Lee Teitel

➤ **Workers Circle**  
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Ellen Bruce & Richard  
Segan

Judy Somberg  
Susan Sommer  
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Marcia Zuckerman