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Shira Tzefonit Northern Poetry שירה צפונית

An Online Anthology of Jewish Canadian Poets: Chapter I

Featuring

Karen Shenfeld | Rona Shaffran | B. Glen Rotchin | Seymour Mayne



SUNDAY MARCH 14, 2021 • 2:00 PM TO 3:30 PM EST

Hosted and Curated by Seymour Mayne

This event is free but RSVP is required at limmudottawa.ca



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KAREN SHENFELD

Karen Shenfeld was born and raised in a predominantly Jewish suburb of Toronto. She has had four books of poetry published – the most recent of which,



To Measure the World, was released in 2020 by Ekstasis Editions. Karen has also brought her poetic sensibility to the writing of magazine stories and documentary filmmaking. She currently lives in a restored farmhouse in the small village of Magnetawan, north of Muskoka.

SEYMOUR MAYNE

Seymour Mayne is the author, editor, or translator of more than seventy books. His latest collections include *Cusp: Word Sonnets* (Ronald P. Frye & Co., 2014) the personal anthology, *In Your Words: Translations from the Yiddish and the Hebrew* (Ronald P. Frye & Co., 2017), and *Le chant de Moïse* (Mémoire d'encrier, 2018), a bilingual English-French selection of biblical poems. His most recent is a book-length offering of new work, *Perfume: Poems and Word Sonnets* (Ronald P. Frye & Co., 2020). He is Professor Emeritus at the University of Ottawa.



B. GLEN ROTCHIN

Montreal born and raised, B. Glen Rotchin has published essays, book reviews, poetry and fiction. He has co-edited two poetry anthologies, *Jerusalem: An Anthology of Jewish Canadian Poetry* (Véhicule, 1996) and *A Rich Garland: Poems for A.M. Klein* (Véhicule, 1999). His two novels are *The Rent Collector* (Esplanade, 2006) and *Halbman Steals Home* (Dundurn, 2012). He has worked as a property manager in Montreal's famed 'shmattha' district since 1995.



RONA SHAFFRAN

Born and raised in Montreal, Rona Shaffran lives in Ottawa. Her poetry collection, *Ignite*, was published by Signature Editions (2013). She co-directed two Ottawa poetry reading series, Tree and RailRoad, organized Tree's Master Poetry Workshops and helped run VERSeFest, Ottawa's international poetry festival. Rona is now writing her first novel and a new poetry collection. She worked as a Director at the Auditor General of Canada, investigating government's effectiveness.

