

Jim Gold International Folk Tours

Klezmer and Folk Dance Tour of

ROMANIA!

October 21-November 3, 2019

Led by Jim Gold and Henry Sapoznik
with Benjy Fox-Rosen, Merlin Shepherd, and Lee Friedman

**Bucharest, Brasov, Sibiu,
Bistritsa, Iasi**



3-days of KlezKamp in Sibiu !

Yiddish and Romanian dancing !

Lectures with Henry Sapoznik

See Wallachia, Transylvania, Moldova

Meet with local folk dance groups!

Jam sessions! Bring instruments!

**Visit villages, dance with traditional
village groups!**



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ITINERARY:

Day 1: Monday, October 21

Flight from USA to Bucharest on Lufthansa, or airline of your choice.

Day 2: Tuesday, October 22: BUCHAREST

Arrival in Bucharest. Meet our guide at the airport and transfer to your hotel. Check-in at the hotel. Welcome dinner at a traditional restaurant. Overnight in Bucharest .

Day 3: Wednesday, October 23: BUCHAREST – SINAIA – BRAN – BRASOV

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit of the Synagogue/Coral Temple in Bucharest. Drive north to the beautiful mountain resort town of Sinaia, known as the "Pearl of the Carpathians". Situated on the outskirts of this resort city, amidst sculpture gardens and fountains, surrounded by mountains, Peles Royal Castle is a masterpiece of German New-Renaissance architecture. Once the summer residence of Romania's kings, this spectacular castle, built at the end of the 19th century, is now one of Romania's most beautiful museums, displaying priceless collections of weaponry, hand woven silk rugs and furniture, ceramics and sculptures. Lunch en route. Drove across the Southern Carpathian Mountains, through Prahova Valley to Transylvania and the mediaeval city of Brasov. Dinner and overnight in Brasov.

Day 4: Thursday, October 24: BRASOV – POIANA BRASOV

After breakfast, a morning walking tour of this medieval town. Nested in the Central Carpathians, **Brasov** is the meeting point of the three Romanian regions: Wallachia, Moldavia and Transylvania. We'll visit the Council Square, famous **Black Church**, largest Gothic Church between Vienna and Istanbul, **the Synagogue**, and stroll through cobbled streets and alleys packed with boutiques, cafes, shops, and cafeterias. Lunch. Then on to **Bran Castle**, widely known as **Dracula's Castle**, after Bram Stoker's famous novel inspired by the Castle and our harsh ruler, Vlad the Impaler. It was built at the beginning of the 13th century by Knight Dietrich of the Teutonic Order, having a strategic mission being at the border between Transylvania and Wallachia. In the XX century, the Castle became a royal residence. Now it is open for visitors eager to broaden their history knowledge and thirsty of fabulous legends. Return to Brasov. Enjoy a scenic drive overlooking Brasov to the most Romanian ski mountain resort, **Poiana Brasov**, for a traditional dinner at a native restaurant with folk music or at a native restaurant in Brasov. Meeting with local Romanian folk dance group. Overnight in Brasov.

Day 5: Friday, October 25: SIBIU – SIGHISOARA - SIBIU

Morning departure to Sighisoara, the most beautiful and best preserved, still inhabited, medieval citadel in the central and South-Eastern Europe, listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site. Walking tour of Sighisoara . See the Vlad Dracul House where prince Vlad Tepes, the Impaler, was born. After visiting the Clock Tower, now a museum and also a symbol of the town, with a balcony that allows a beautiful view over the city, stop in front of it in the small square where artisans and painters usually present their work. Wander through the town's narrow streets with original architecture, pass by the Antler House, the Venetian House, original towers and secluded squares. Time seems to stand still here, trapped in the Middle Ages. Lunch in Sighisoara. Continue on to Sibiu with a stop in Biertan village to visit the fortified Church of Biertan dating back from the 15th century and included on the UNESCO Heritage list. Late afternoon arrival in Sibiu, European Cultural Capital in 2007 and European Region of Gastronomy 2019. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Sibiu.

Day 6: Saturday, October 26: KLEZKAMP IN SIBIU!

Morning walking tour of mediaeval Sibiu, with its narrow streets. Pass across Liars bridge, visit the Evangelic Cathedral, Council Tower and Catholic Church. Discover this citadel built by Saxons, where history, art and folklore blend, and travelers delight in furniture, handmade rugs, clothes wooden, and craft objects made by skilled artisans. Return to the hotel for lunch. Our Klezkamp program begins in the afternoon. Dinner at hotel or local

restaurant. Overnight in Sibiu.

KLEZKAMP PROGRAM

Day 6: Saturday, October 26

- 1: 00 p.m. ROUMANIA, ROUMANIA 1920-1953**" The great Yiddish singing star Aaron Lebedeff wrote and recorded his famous song at least three times 1920, 1941 and 1953. We will listen to three versions and what it reveals about Yiddish, American and Roumanian music and culture recording technology and Lebedeff's lifetime of monumental Yiddish musical work.
- 2: 00 p.m. MAYNE LIBE BESARABIYE: MOLDOVAN YIDDISH VOCAL STYLES IN 4 PORTRAITS** Using film clips and interviews, Benjy-Fox Rosen explores the sound and repertoire of four great Besarabiyer Yiddish singers: Zelik Berditshever, Moishe Oysher, Efim Chorny and Slava Farber.
- 3:00 p.m. DANCE CLASS** Lee and/or Jim teach Yiddish dances to live music.
- EVENING CONCERT /DANCE PARTY**

Day 7: Sunday, October 27

Lunch in Sibiel village at peasant home to enjoy flavors of area's traditional cuisine. After lunch return to Sibiu. Dinner at hotel or local restaurant. Overnight in Sibiu.

- 11:00 a.m. ROMANIAN CANTORS 1903-1939:** In anticipation of the coming of shabbos Henry Sapoznik will play and discuss historic recordings of great cantors who were from or recorded in Romania including Boruch Schorr, Moishe Oysher and J. Sigaiewsky, among other great voices.
- 2:00 p.m. MAMELIGE, KARNATZLECH UN VAYN:** Yiddish Songs featuring Romanian foods. Benjy-Fox Rosen demonstrates/teaches Yiddish and Roumanian songs about food.
- 3: 00 p.m. DANCE CLASS** Lee and/or Jim teach Yiddish dances to live music.
- EVENING CONCERT /DANCE PARTY**

Day 8: Monday, October 28

Breakfast at the hotel. Hall (about 100 sqm) at the hotel or nearby at disposal for Klezmer Camp starting 11:00 AM – 22:00. Lunch at the hotel. Dinner at the hotel or at a local restaurant. Overnight at the same hotel in Sibiu.

- 11:00 a.m. HOW KLEZMER WORKS** The music staff will offer a "show and kvell" playing a diversity of old time klezmer tunes and highlighting the inner workings of what makes Yiddish music, Yiddish.
- 1: 00 p.m. MARUMURES SONGS** from Max Eiskovits' fieldwork in Viseu de Sus 1938-39. BFR will discuss and demonstrate the amazing collection of Yiddish songs collected by folklorist Max Eiskovits in the final moments before the outbreak of WW2.
- 2: 00 p.m. DANCE CLASS** Lee and/or Jim teach Yiddish dances to live music.
- EVENING CONCERT/DANCE PARTY**

Day 9: Tuesday, October 29: SIBIU – BISTRITA

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll drive to Alba Iulia, known in ancient times as Apulum, one of oldest settlements of Romania and largest commercial center during the Roman Empire. Later it became the Habsburg citadel Alba Carolina. Walking tour of ancient citadel,

Catholic Cathedral, and Orthodox Cathedral of Reunification. Light lunch en route. Continue north to Turda. Visit the amazing salt mine, one of the world's top tourist destinations! Continue on to the remote town of Bistrita for dinner and overnight in Bistrita.

Day 10: Wednesday, October 30: BISTRITA – TIHUTA PASS – GURA HUMORULUI - IASI

Morning drive to Bukovina, land of the outdoor painted monasteries included in the UNESCO World Heritage, a realm of religious beliefs, tradition and old history. Stop in **Tihuta pass**, the actual place of Bram Stoker's Borgo pass, and Count's Dracula castle. Continue to the heart of Bucovina. Visit one of the famous painted monasteries Voronet, surnamed "the jewel of Bucovina." and famous for its unique shade of blue. Lunch en route. Meeting with local Romanain folk dance group. Arrive in Iasi. Dinner and overnight in Iasi.

Day 11: Thursday, October 31: IASI

Full day sightseeing tour of Iasi including Palace of Culture, Synagogue, "Trei Ierarhi Church, and Metropolitan Cathedral. Lunch at a local restaurant. Dinner with folk music and folk dancing. Overnight in Iasi.

Day 12: Friday, November 1: IASI – BUCHAREST

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning departure from Iasi to Bucharest. It will be a long day crossing Moldavia region and Romanian Plain. Lunch en route. Dinner and overnight in Bucharest.

Day 13: Saturday, November 2: BUCHAREST

Half day sightseeing tour of **Bucharest**. A perfect way to familiarize yourself with the five-century-old capital of Romania. Stopover in the Revolution Square and in the Constitution Square. Visit the Palace of Parliament, Ceausescu's huge dream, second largest building in the world, surpassed only by the Pentagon in Washington. We'll visit at **the Village and Folk Art Museum** - the largest in Europe, containing traditional houses, old wooden churches. and folk art transported from all over the country. Drive by the Romanian Athenaeum, former Royal Palace, Town Hall, Opera House, Cotroceni Palace, Military Academy, University Square and Arch of Triumph. Enjoy lunch on your own. Farewell dinner with traditional folk show. Overnight in Bucharest.

Day 14: Sunday, November 3: BUCHAREST

Say farewell to Bucharest and Romania. Drive to the airport for flight home.

About Jim Gold: Jim brings a love of music, people and languages to his tours and dance classes, making them a joy for all ages. For over 25 years, he has led Jim Gold International Folk Tours to Bulgaria, Greece, Norway, Turkey, Hungary, Israel, Jordan, Croatia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Egypt, Tunisia, Russia, the Baltics and Spain to experience their history and culture, from a folk dance perspective. He is also the author of ten books including 50 Folk Dances Choreographed by Jim Gold. Jim is a classical guitarist, folk singer. He has performed on TV, universities, schools, and on national radio, and is presently learning to play the Bulgarian gaida. See more about Jim at: www.jimgold.com



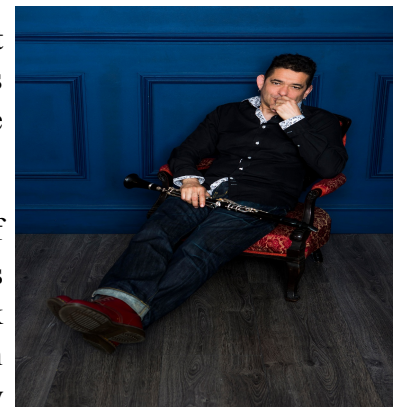
About Henry Sapoznik: Henry Sapoznik is an award winning producer and performer of traditional and period Yiddish and American music and one of the architects of the klezmer and Yiddish renewal. In the 1970s he founded one of the first klezmer bands, "Kapelye" and was Founding Director of the Archives of Recorded Sound at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. In 1982 he published the first modern klezmer tune book, "The Compleat Klezmer" and issued the first anthology of historic klezmer recordings for the Folkways label. In 1985, he founded KlezKamp the first program dedicated to revitalizing traditional Yiddish music and dance and directed it for its 30 year life. A five time Grammy nominated producer, Sapoznik is also a world renowned old time country banjoist. He is currently working on his 30th reissue box: "Protobilly: the Minstrel and Tin Pan Alley Roots of Country Music 1892-1985" (JSP Records) See more about Henry at Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Sapoznik



About Benjy Fox-Rosen: Benjy Fox-Rosen (Los Angeles, 1984) is a singer, bassist and composer based in Vienna, Austria. He primarily works with Yiddish music, and is interested in the intersection of folk traditions with the avant garde. Fox-Rosen conducts the Vienna Stadttempel Choir accompanying Cantor Shmuel Barzilai weekly. Additionally, he is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Musicology at the University of Vienna. Fox-Rosen was the recipient of a Fulbright research grant for 2012-2013 to Chisinau, Moldova where he was immersed in the shared musical languages of Yiddish and Moldovan music. See more about Benjy at: <http://www.benjyfoxrosen.com/>



About Merlin Shepherd: Merlin is one of the world's leading players of traditional East European Klezmer Clarinet style. Apart from his own ensembles he has worked and toured throughout Britain and Europe with Budowitz, Frank London's Klezmer Brass Allstars and Boban i Marko Marcovic. He has been Musical Director for The Royal National Theatre, Royal Shakespeare Company and Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, London. Merlin Shepherd is Britain's finest Klezmer clarinetist." Songlines "A force to be reckoned with." Time Out "He colours and shapes every phrase...providing spiritual & emotional heart." London EveningStandard. See more about Merlin at: <https://hamsaquintet.com/>



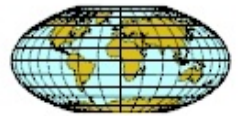
About Lee Friedman: Lee Friedman has been dancing for over 40 years. She first started doing International Dancing with Lenny Johnson on the steps of the Philadelphia Art Museum. The 70's and 80's were the golden years of dancing in Philadelphia and she would do International dancing 4 nights a week. From there she discovered Israeli, Contras, Swing, Scandinavian, Cajun, and Zydeco dancing. Over the years she has taught International and Israeli Dancing at a variety of venues, including The Old Songs Festival, The Philadelphia Folk Song Society and, for Temples, Bat Mitzvahs, and adult groups. Since retiring from the Philadelphia School System, she has been traveling a lot with Jim Gold, Yves Moreau, and Steve Kotansky to learn dancing in some of the countries where they originated and to see the countries and meet the people who live there.



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