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avant-garde performers, Jews as well as non-Jews, fluent speakers as well as those who know little or no Yiddish-in communities across the

Americas, in Europe, Israel, and other outposts of "Yiddishland."