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## Encore! By Popular Demand! Robyn Helzner

“Back in the U.S.S.R.”

The Struggle to Free Soviet Jews

Sunday, May 22, 2016, at 2:00 PM Memphis Jewish Community Center

Last year Robyn Helzner presented a fascinating program, *Kreplach and Dim Sum: Yes There are Jews in China* for the Jewish Historical Society. This program was so well received that the Society is bringing Robyn back for an encore with another program in her repertoire, *Back in the U.S.S.R.: The Struggle to Free Soviet Jews*.

The historic struggle to free Soviet Jews comes alive in this powerful multimedia presentation of songs, stories, pictures and video. Robyn shares her experiences as an activist in the Soviet Jewry Movement, and chronicles the American Jewish community's remarkable efforts to assist Jews behind the Iron Curtain.

Robyn has a singular reputation for bringing Jewish music to uncommon locales. She performed underground concerts for Jews and refuseniks in the Soviet Union. During the period of Glasnost, she was the only American artist invited to appear in sold-out concerts in Moscow and St. Petersburg as part of the Soviet government's first officially sanctioned Jewish cultural tour in over fifty years. The moving story of her experiences was broadcast on the Public Television special, *Chanukah—a Celebration of Freedom*.

You won't want to miss Robyn Helzner's magical and moving performance. All Jewish Historical Society programs are free of charge and open to the community.

