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"YIDDISHE CARMEN"

REPEAT PERFORMANCE

AT

EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE

Due to an overwhelming demand, the Older Adult Choral Group of the Educational Alliance will give a repeat performance of the operetta based on George Bizet's "Carmen," which will be sung in Yiddish. Helen Gelman, Musical Director of the Group, has written the original lyrics and has collaborated with Lee Blume, Director of the Isidor Straus Theatre, in the adaptation of the story, which is set in Israel.

This will be presented on Wednesday evening, May 23rd, at 8:30 P.M. in the Isidor Straus Theatre of the Educational Alliance, 197 East Broadway, N.Y.C.

The cast of "Carmen", men and women over 60 years of age, will be assisted by the Older Adult Rhythm Band, directed by Camilla De Leon, and the Older Adult Folk Dance Group, directed by Lilyan Binder. The backdrop, depicting a colorful scene in Israel, was painted by members of the Older Adult Painting Class, taught by Celeste Newman. More than 50 people are participating in the production.

Ida Schneider will once again sing the role of "Carmen," with Isidor Finkelstein as Dov Yosef, Nathan Gonchar as Yehuda, Sadie Hershkowitz as Miriam and Yetta Sternberg as "Tziganke." Other members of the cast are Helen Anisgard, Frieda Ginsberg, Albert and Ray Jahon, Tillie Levine, Bella Perlow, Lillian Schiesel, Frieda Rutkowsky, Clara Steinman and Bertha Weiss.

Also appearing on this very special occasion will be the Zimrah Chorale of the Educational Alliance. They will present a program of Yiddish Art and Folk Songs. The "Caribbean" Kings, a Steel Drum Band composed of a group of fifteen year old boys will inject a bit of added color to the evening.