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“By preserving history, promoting education, and fostering cultural understanding, YIVO has become an invaluable global resource, ensuring that the rich heritage of Eastern European Jewry continues to inform and inspire future generations.”

— **Ruth Levine**

Chair, YIVO Board of Directors

“For decades I have felt that the YIVO was a kind of anchor. It was there that I connected with Dina Abramowicz and Lucjan Dobroszycki, Holocaust survivors whose love of Yiddish and Jewish history helped set me on my scholarly path. And I can’t imagine how I would have written anything without the YIVO archives. The YIVO is our precious link to a world that was destroyed but whose spirit and values live on in all of us.”

— **Dr. Samuel Kassow**

Charles H. Northam Professor of History, Trinity College

“YIVO is a house of treasures, rescued from ruin by superheroes who risked death for their preservation. It is a treasure house of arts and ideas, holding the stories and arguments and artifacts and imaginings of the vast inheritance of Ashkenazi Jewish life. Reading, studying and experiencing YIVO’s treasures has shaped my work as a writer and my life as an American Jew. I look forward to the next hundred years of writers, scholars, thinkers, and artists who will be shaped by these treasures and by the curators and educators who are bringing them into the future.”

— **Dara Horn**

American novelist, essayist, and scholar of Jewish literature

“Since its founding in Vilna in 1925, YIVO has been a blessed resource for the Jewish people and all who want to know about them. As a graduate student in New York under both Max and Uriel Weinreich in the 1960s, I did most of my research at YIVO. I gave my first academic talk at a YIVO conference and taught my first course on American Yiddish literature in its Weinreich program. I recommend the YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe, edited by my late colleague Gershon Hundert, as the first go-to for basic information or guide to advanced study in this field. For this and much more I am grateful to its founders, its wonderfully helpful staff, and current supporters.”

— **Ruth R. Wisse**

Senior Fellow at Tikvah

Professor Emerita of Yiddish and Comparative Literature at Harvard University