



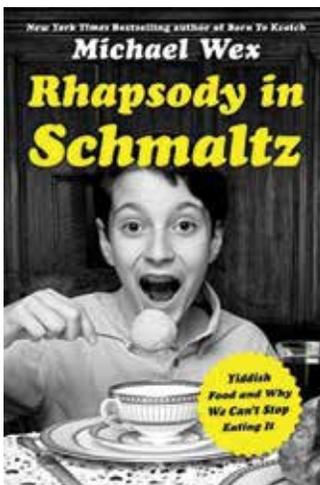
Book Launch in English with Michael Wex

## “Rhapsody in Schmaltz”



**Sunday**  
**August 28, 2016**  
**2:00 p.m.**

Jewish Public Library  
5151 Côte-Ste-Catherine  
Members\*/students \$10  
General admission \$15  
**Tickets + Info: 514.345.6416**  
Reception



*Rhapsody in Schmaltz* traces the history and social impact of the cuisine that Yiddish-speaking Jews from Central and Eastern Europe brought to the U.S. and that their American descendants developed and refined. The book looks at how and where these dishes came to be, how they varied from region to region, the role they played in Jewish culture in Europe, and the role that they play in Jewish and more general American culture and foodways today. It traces the pathways of Jewish food from the Bible and Talmud, to Eastern Europe, to its popular landing pads in North America today. With an eye for detail and a healthy dose of humor, Michael Wex also examines how these impact modern culture, from temple to television. *Rhapsody in Schmaltz* is a journey into the sociology, humor, history, and traditions of food and Judaism.

**Michael Wex** is the author of three books on Yiddish, including the bestseller, *Born to Kvetch*. He has taught the language at the University of Toronto and the University of Michigan and is a mainstay of the contemporary Yiddish scene. A native-speaker whose Yiddish songs have been recorded by such bands as the Grammy-winning Klezmatics, he has translated material ranging from classical Yiddish literature to testimony for war crimes trials. He has also translated *The Threepenny Opera* from German into Yiddish. He has also published three novels, the most recent of which, *The Frumkiss Family Business*, was a Canadian national bestseller. The Jewish Public Library is delighted to launch his book, *Rhapsody in Schmaltz*, a study of Ashkenazi food that does for Yiddish food what *Born to Kvetch* did for Yiddish speech, published by St. Martin's Press.

Book sale and signing.

\* Tickets at the member rate must be purchased in advance. Students pay member rate at all times.  
Call for details. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the event.