



**MUSEUM
OF JEWISH
HERITAGE**

**A LIVING
MEMORIAL
TO THE
HOLOCAUST**

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Author Adam Kirsch Discusses Fascinating and Contradictory Figure Benjamin Disraeli
at the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust

New York, NY— On **Wednesday, May 27 at 7 p.m.** join author **Adam Kirsch** and *Nextbook* senior editor **Gabriel Sanders** as they discuss Kirsch’s fascinating new book *Benjamin Disraeli* (Schocken Books/Nextbook, 2008). A fop, a best-selling novelist, and a man of political and sexual intrigue, former British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli was one of the most captivating figures of the nineteenth century. This compelling biography is a unique perspective on the outsider Jew who became one of the world’s most powerful men.

Tickets to this program are \$5 general, free for members and are available online or by calling the Museum box office at 646.437.4202.

Unlike most writings on Disraeli, which focus on his political career as a Conservative, Kirsch’s work explores Disraeli’s imaginative life, how he saw himself, and his efforts to portray himself to the public as simultaneously Jewish and unmistakably English. He was a figure of fascinating contradictions: an archconservative who benefited from England’s liberal attitudes and a perennial outsider who dreamed of glory for England.

Adam Kirsch was a book critic for the *New York Sun* until its recent demise. He is a frequent contributor to the *New Yorker* and the *New Republic* and the author of two poetry collections, *The Thousand Wells* and *Invasions*, and two critical works about poetry, *The Wounded Surgeon* and *The Modern Element*.

Gabriel Sanders was the associate editor of the *Forward* for four years before joining *Nextbook*. He has interviewed a wide range of authors at the Museum. His writing has appeared in *The New York Times Book Review*, *Bookforum*, *The Jerusalem Report*, *Time Out New York*, and other publications.

- WHAT:** *Benjamin Disraeli*
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- WHERE:** Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust
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- WHEN:** Wednesday, May 27 at 7 p.m.
- COST:** \$5 general, free for Members

About the Museum of Jewish Heritage

The Museum’s three-floor Core Exhibition educates people of all ages and backgrounds about the rich tapestry of Jewish life over the past century—before, during, and after the Holocaust. Special exhibitions include *Woman of Letters: Irène Némirovsky and Suite Française*, extended through August 30, and *Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges* on view through January 4, 2010. The Museum offers visitors a vibrant public program schedule in its Edmond J. Safra Hall. It is also home to Andy Goldsworthy’s memorial *Garden of Stones*, as well as James Carpenter’s

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