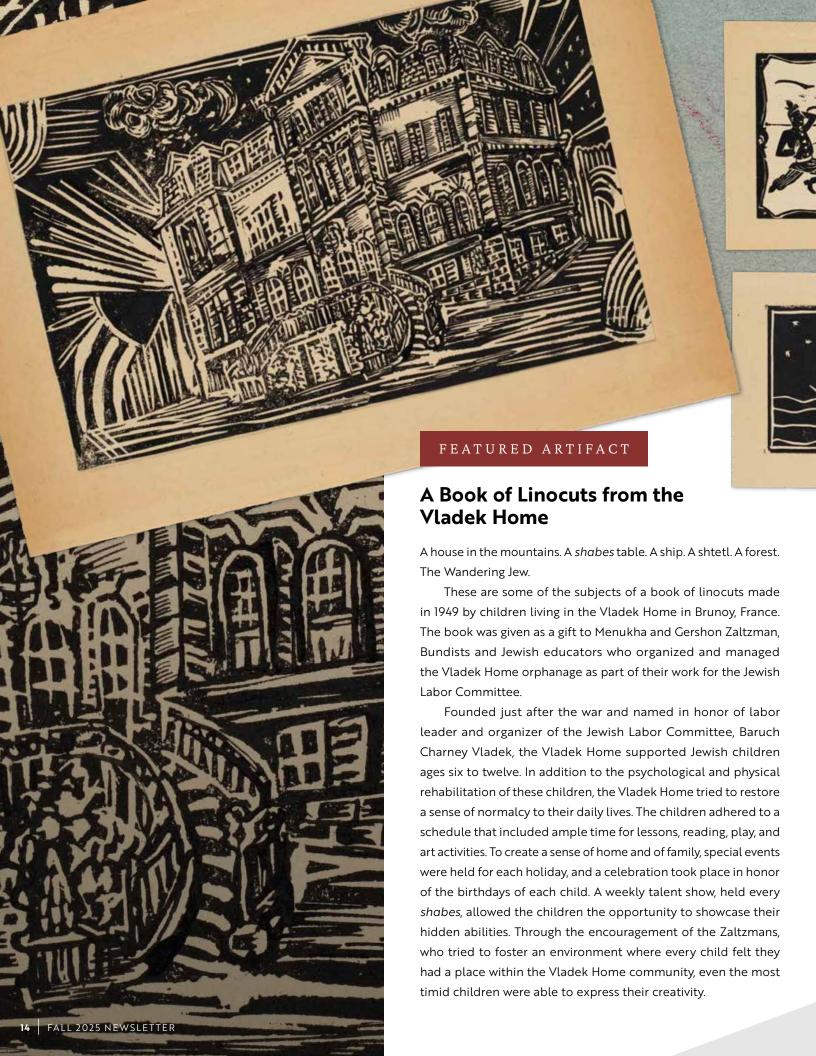
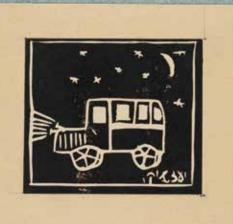
# THE JEWISH LABOR AND POLITICAL ARCHIVES











Two Revolutionary Jews: **Leon Trotsky and** Chaim Zhitlowsky YIVO launched a new, ongoing lecture series inspired by its landmark digitization of the Jewish Labor and Political Archives. The first program in the series, Two Revolutionary Jews: Leon Trotsky and Chaim Zhitlowsky,

featured a talk by historian Tony Michels. Michels examined how these two influential thinkers offered sharply contrasting political visions at the turn of the 20th century—Zhitlowsky advocating a fusion of socialism and Yiddish nationalism, and Trotsky championing a rigid internationalism that rejected Jewish national identity. Many Jews, however, embraced both as leaders whose ideas offered paths toward Jewish national liberation and working-class revolution, a Jewish homeland, as well as a flourishing life in the diaspora.

# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Consisting of nearly 200 collections encompassing 3.5 million pages of archival documents, the Jewish Labor and Political Archives (JLPA) forms the world's most comprehensive body of material pertaining to Jewish social and political activism in Europe and the United States. Spanning the years 1870 to 1992, the JLPA tells the story of Jews' involvement in the European political and revolutionary movements of the 20th century and resistance to the Holocaust, as well as their impact on the American labor movement and the fight for fair wages and workers' rights. YIVO is now in the midst of an eight-year project to digitize these unparalleled materials and make them available for free access online.

As of August 4, 2025, the JLPA project has raised over \$6 million toward its \$8.5 million goal. With the recent termination of Federal funding, please consider supporting the digitization of this important project to ensure we can continue to make this historic archival resource available to a global audience. Your commitment will be matched by a challenge grant from an anonymous foundation, amplifying your support!

We are profoundly indebted to Irene Pletka for her generous lead support of this extraordinary collection.

For more information and naming opportunities, please contact Melissa S. Cohen at 212.294.6156 or via email at mcohen@yivo.org.

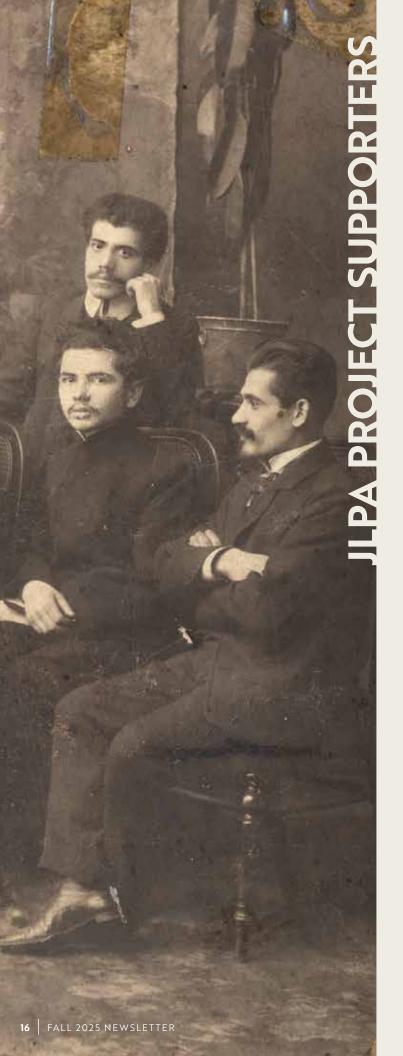
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