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**A World Within Worlds: The Music of Anthony Mordechai Tzvi Russell  
A Musical Performance and Presentation, April 22**

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – **Anthony Mordechai Tzvi Russell**, an award-winning American singer and musician specializing in Yiddish song, has created remarkable music influenced by very diverse traditions—Yiddish art songs, African American Spirituals, Chassidic melodies, folk songs from the African American South, and more. Russell will give a performance and engage in discussion about the musical convergences that define his work. **Dr. Josh Kun**, an award-winning cultural historian, will moderate the program, navigating through the rich worlds of sound from which Russell creates his unique and inventive interpretations.

This online program will be held April 22 at 7:00 p.m. on the Zoom platform. Free and open to the public, the event is presented by the **Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life** at Rutgers University. It is the Abram Matlofsky Memorial Program supported by the Karma Foundation, and cosponsored by the Department of Music, Mason Gross School of the Arts. Advance registration is required at **BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu**.

Anthony Russell is a vocalist, composer, and arranger of Yiddish song whose work in Jewish music has brought him to stages all over the world. His work includes the album *Convergence* (2018) with the klezmer band Veretski Pass, and also performances and recordings with the band Tsvey Brider (Two Brothers), which creates contemporary, idiosyncratic, and unique interpretations of music in the Yiddish language.

Dr. Josh Kun, a 2016 MacArthur Fellow, is professor and chair in cross-cultural communication, USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism. An expert on the intersection of arts, culture, and politics, his books and curated projects include *Audiotopia: Music, Race, and America* (2005), and *Black Sabbath: The Secret Musical History of Black-Jewish Relations* (2010).

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