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OUR JEWISH TROUBADOURS Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen Celebration of their Songs

Thursday, April 6, 2017 | 7 PM | Jewish Museum of Florida - FIU

Friday, April 7, 2017 | 12 PM | FIU MMC Campus | SIPA Gallery

Recent events highlighted the remarkable achievements of two outstanding Jewish singer-songwriters, Bob Dylan, the Nobel Laureate for Literature in 2016, and Leonard Cohen, who passed away a few weeks after the prize was announced. Although both figures actively explored and at times embraced other religious traditions, they each have acknowledged and cultivated key aspects of Jewish identity. As the Tel Aviv University Museum's current exhibit on Dylan points out, "It is difficult to think of a Jewish musician who has had a greater influence on 20th century culture than Bob Dylan. Dylan was one of the greatest American poets, the voice of an entire generation." Similarly, a memorial article in Haaretz notes, "Leonard Cohen was one of the most explicitly Jewish popular songwriters since the ancient King David, whose Psalms he expertly imitated over a five-decade career."

This event features an introduction by Distinguished Professor **Tudor Parfitt**, lectures on Dylan by FIU Professor **Steven Heine** and on Cohen by UC-Santa Barbara Professor **Elliott R. Wolfson**. Musical accompaniment by **Aaron Fishbein** will feature songs such as Dylan's "Forever Young" and Cohen's "Hallelujah."

The event at MMC is free and open to the public. For the event at the Jewish Museum of Florida, there is a \$5 fee for members and \$10 for non-members, students are free.

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