



## Newton Festival of the Arts, Spring 2017

**NIGUN CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**  
*Yelena Neplok, Artistic Director*

**Friday, May 19, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Newton Cultural Center at City Hall**  
**1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459**

***20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Nigun Ensemble's  
American premiere in Jordan Hall  
Evening of Russian and Jewish Music***  
*Masterpieces by great Russian and Jewish composers and  
a unique repertoire of Jewish folk songs in Yiddish and Hebrew.*



***Art Exhibition and Sale by Artist Veronica Kavin***  
*Veronica's painting incorporate bright colors and dream-like  
figures and landscapes.*

The critically acclaimed, award-winning Nigun Chamber Ensemble has been enthusiastically received in numerous international music festivals and concerts in many of the most prestigious Russian and American music halls, and has been featured on national radio and television broadcasts in Russia and in the US. Nigun's interpretation of folk music, classical music, and art song has impressed audiences and achieved great critical acclaim.

*"All pieces that formed the ensemble's programs were of phenomenal high art."*

***Vestnik Magazine***

*"Yelena Neplok and her colleagues bring to the people culture of highest quality."*

***Forward, New York***

*"The Nigun Ensemble has become one of the most original outlets for Jewish Folk Music in the Bay State."*

***Jewish Advocate, Boston***

**Yelena Neplok, Artistic Director, piano**  
**Valerie Schleppe, soprano**  
**Sargis Karapetyan, violin**  
**Cynthia Forbes, cello**  
**Chester Brezniak, clarinet**

### ***Refreshments***

Admission: \$25, \$15 seniors & students, \$45 sponsors  
Available at [www.newtoncommunitypride.org/festival](http://www.newtoncommunitypride.org/festival) or at the concert

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