

## ABOUT THE PLAY

*Deli Books* is an original and captivating musical production for kids (ages 2-8) and their families. The play is about a Jewish boy who has acquired too many books and has no time to read them all. So what does he do? He decides to EAT them. Don't you want to find out what happens next?

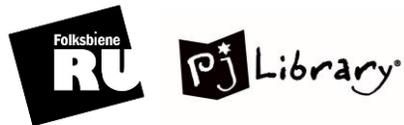
Families will get to see how the boy gets sick from all the books in his belly. His dad comes home to find him barely able to move. Together, the boy and his dad discover how much pleasure one can get from simply sitting down and reading.

Filled with stories from PJ Library books, *Deli Books* engages kids to get excited about reading and learning about Jewish themes and characters.

To view the *Deli Books* teaser video, please visit <https://bit.ly/2N5vHVT>.

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KOMPOT-on-the-GO by  
FolksbieneRU presents an  
original children's play...

## DELI BOOKS



Give your community a taste of **KOMPOT!**

**Performance for children ages 2-8**  
**Available in English or Russian**

This production was created by NYC-based FolksbieneRU for its popular **KOMPOT** series: interactive get-togethers for Russian-speaking Jewish families with children, featuring musical performances, hands-on experiential arts workshops, storytelling and theatre performances, often paired with brunch.

## CREATORS AND CAST

*Deli Books* stars FolksbieneRU's and Lost & Found Project's award-winning theatre performers Gera Sandler and Rebecca Karpovsky, along with original musical composition by Alex Ryaboy.



### GERA SANDLER

Gera is an actor, stage director, TV/radio personality and theatre educator. After emigrating from Moscow, Russia, to Israel in 1990, Gera

graduated from the Beit Zvi School for the Performing Arts in 1997, hosted an Israeli television program, and has many other impressive TV, film and stage acting credits, including the voice of Dracula in the Hebrew version of Adam Sandler's cartoon *Hotel Transylvania*. After relocating to NYC in 2017, Gera joined the Lost and Found Project.



### REBECCA KARPOVSKY

Rebecca is an actor, theatre educator and producer, born in Boston, and raised with Russian as her first language. In 2017, she produced, co-wrote and starred in the feature film

*Pinsky*, about the Russian-Jewish experience in the U.S. As the Producer of FolksbieneRU since 2017 and member of the Lost and Found Project, Rebecca finds joy and inspiration in developing ensemble pieces that bring the personal experiences of adults, teens and kids to the stage.



### ALEX RYABOY

Alex is a skilled multi-instrumentalist, composer, producer and audio engineer. He holds a Masters Degree in Music Technology from New York University, where he completed

the Honors Track program. As an engineer and producer, he records, mixes and masters music for various artists. As a composer, he creates music for theatre, film and TV, as well as for his band Blue Circus.



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## BRING DELI BOOKS TO YOUR COMMUNITY

The *Deli Books* play has both a Russian and English version, making it accessible for a vast array of Jewish communities across the USA and Canada. The entire performance runs about 35 minutes. It is also highly compact with a crew and cast of three along with a travel set. The set and equipment come with the package for the production. Venue-specific technical costs and travel costs for non-local bookings may also apply, subject to discussion and agreement.

As an optional add-on element to the performance of the *Deli Books* play, our KOMPOT-on-the-GO program can organize and lead an interactive crafts education activity for an hour following the play. We will build on the themes of literacy and curiosity that the play explores by teaching book-making activities that will engage children of all ages along with parents. By making their own books from scratch, kids will tap into their creativity, work together, have fun and be able to take home a delightful memento of their KOMPOT-on-the-GO experience. Further details and costs related to the crafts activity can be discussed and agreed.

### ***Deli Books* Base Booking Cost for Local Venue:**

\$1,350+ (venue located no more than a 2-hour drive from Manhattan). Optional Crafts element with an additional fee.

**Non-Local Venues:** If your venue is located beyond a 2-hour driving radius from Manhattan, please contact us to discuss your booking.

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