

**WORKMEN'S CIRCLE אַרבעטער־רינג**

**invites**

**you to a screening of**

# **“THE WORLD WAS OURS”**

**(In English)**



“The World Was Ours”, is a documentary film dedicated to the memory of Jewish Vilna. Narrated by award winning actor Mandy Patinkin, the film explores the vibrant and creative life of the Jewish community of Vilna (now Vilnius, Lithuania), from its founding in the early 14<sup>th</sup> century through to the end of World War II. Drawing upon archival photos and footage, excerpts from diaries and letters, and through interviews with Holocaust survivors and scholars, “*The World Was Ours*” evokes the rich literary, intellectual and artistic life of a community whose thought profoundly influenced Jewish life in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In 1941, German forces seized Vilna and set out to exterminate its Jewish population. During this time, Vilna Jews risked their lives to save precious books and documents marked for destruction by the Nazis. Locked in a ghetto, fully aware of their fate, they continued to present concerts, theatre and art exhibitions. By the end of war, only five percent of the city’s Jewish population remained.

**With an introduction (in Yiddish & English) by Gerry Kane,  
writer, lecturer and editor of *Der Yidish Vinkl* in  
the Canadian Jewish News**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 – 2 pm**

**Workmen’s Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.  
Admission – Free    Light Refreshments**