

# REBECCA JOY FLETCHER

## TELLING IT NEW & JEWISH

### ACADEMIC BIO

Rebecca is a master educator with a passion for Jewish culture and creativity. She approaches everything she teaches—intellectual, spiritual, or artistic—with an almost palpable sense of fun. As one workshop participant put it, “She helped me not only to write my first monologue but also to laugh at my shortcomings and stand straighter as a Jew. I feel more alive, thanks to my time with Rebecca!”

Sought after at the university level, Rebecca has appeared as a teacher, guest lecturer and artist-in-residence at such institutions as University of Miami, London University, Academy for Jewish Religion, and Hebrew University. Students find her passion and spirit infectious; she turns her classroom into a place where imagination, critical inquiry, and laughter can thrive.

Rebecca is also a seasoned informal educator for students of all ages. She has led workshops in a wide range of alternative education settings such as Limmud UK, Beit Warsawa in Warsaw, and the Bronfman Center at NYU, as well as at synagogues across the US. She has also served as a Hebrew and Judaic Studies teacher at the BZAEDS day school in Chicago.

### **A Love for History**

Inspired by little-known Jewish stories, Rebecca has conducted on-site archival research in shaping many of her shows. Her many prestigious awards include grants from the Theatre Communications Group for research in Warsaw and from the Confidence Foundation for research in Israel, and a European Association for Jewish Culture grant for performance and educational work in Paris.

### **Among Friends**

Rebecca serves as Vice President of the Association for Jewish Theatre, is an alumna of the Wexner Graduate fellowship, and is a member of the award-winning cabaret *Chicago Dramatists*, the American Conference of Cantors, and the Cantors' Assembly. She is also a proud member of ROI Community, an international network of Jewish leaders and social entrepreneurs. Rebecca graduated with honors from Brown University, and holds a Master's Degree in Sacred Music from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

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