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Becoming Americans - A Mosaic of Immigrant Writers

- An all-new Fall Cultural Encounter Weekend -- November 6-9, 2009.
- Led by Ilan Stavans, Amherst College professor and editor of *Becoming Americans: Four Centuries of Immigrant Writing*.
- Featuring conversations with writers, book discussion groups and films.
- Live performance of *Selected Shorts* hosted by Isaiah Sheffer.
- Register by October 6 to take advantage of group hotel rates.

Registration is now open for our Cultural Encounter Weekend - new this fall! Immigrants have shaped our literature and the way we see ourselves and our world. Join us in Amherst as we explore the influence of new voices on the body of literature we call American.

Ilan Stavans is the Lewis-Sebring Professor in Latin American and Latino Culture at Amherst College. He is author of numerous books and has edited such volumes as [*Becoming Americans: Four Centuries of Immigrant Writing*](#) and *Isaac Bashevis Singer: Collected Stories*. His many awards and honors include an Emmy nomination, a Guggenheim Fellowship, the Pablo Neruda Medal, and the National Jewish Book Award (for his anthology *The Schocken Book of Modern Sephardic Literature*).

Evening entertainment will feature a performance of *Selected Shorts*, hosted by **Isaiah Sheffer** with stories by **Joseph Epstein**, **Lara Vapnyar**, and **Julia Alvarez**, read by **Sonia Manzano**, **Laura Esterman** and **Isaiah Sheffer**.



Ilan Stavans



Isaiah Sheffer

Schedule: Click for a complete listing of the weekend's programming.

Accommodations: Don't forget to book by October 6 to take advantage of group hotel rates!

Cost: \$600 per person includes tuition and meals. Please make your own hotel reservations.

Books: Visit our bookstore for discounts on all conference-related titles.

For more information or to reserve your spot at the conference, call the Book Center at (413) 256-4900 or email programs@bikher.org.

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