



## Museum of Jewish Heritage New York

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Gallery Talks feature **IRENE SHALAND's LECTURE**

## In Search of a Jewish Story in China



**Thursday February 15th 2018 3:00 PM**

Space is limited. Advance registration strongly suggested. Call 646.437.4202

Join internationally published art and travel writer **Irene Shaland** as she takes us on a fascinating journey, both familiar and unknown, through the Silk Road and six cities in China including Harbin, Kaifeng, Luoyang, and Shanghai and 2,000 years of history there.

As a writer, Shaland remains ever attuned to what she calls the Jewish story, an often “endless chain of persecutions, from century to century, from country to country.” However, in China she uncovered an entirely different chapter in Jewish history, which divides into two stories: the Jews *in* China and the Jews *of* China.

What are the secrets of the Gobi Desert and the Silk Road?

What do the most anti-Semitic of Russian Tsars, a railroad, a Chinese fishing village, and Russian-Yiddish culture have in common?

What important lessons can we, the Jews of the European and American Diaspora, learn from the Jews of China?

Finally, why did the Jews of China disappear? And – did they? Take a journey to China and find out the answers to many perplexing questions.

Shaland will also introduce her latest book ***The Dao of being Jewish and Other Stories: Seeking Jewish Narrative all Over the World***. Book signing follows the presentation.

Free with Museum admission.