

## New Voices on Primo Levi

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The annual symposium organized by the Centro Primo Levi: a new opportunity to rediscover the renowned Jewish writer. On September 8, 9, 15, at 7 pm, New York audience is invited to participate to a series of debates and presentations focused on the figure of Primo Levi



“New Voices on Primo Levi” is the title given this year to the symposium organized by the [Centro Primo Levi](#) [2], in collaboration with [New York University Casa Italiana Zerilli Marimò](#) [3] and the [Italian Cultural Institute](#) [4].

On September 8, 9, 15, at 7 pm, New York audience is invited to participate to a series of debates and presentations focused on the figure of the famous Jewish writer. The aim is to reinterpret Levi’s works and vision in the light of his positions both as a political and public figure.

Rediscovered by the youngest readers, Levi is also object of study for world experts and emerging scholars who for the occasion will gather to discuss the role of his secular humanism in the contemporary modern society.

Among the speakers stand out the names of Franco Baldasso (New York University), Uri Cohen (Columbia University), Sergio Parussa (Wesley College), Luigi Dei (University of Florence), Robert Weil (WW Norton), Andrea Fiano (Centro Primo Levi), Marc Greif (American Prospect, London Review of Books), Moni Ovadia (actor and playwright).

Operating under the auspices of the Consulate General of Italy in New York and in collaboration with the [Italian Association for Jewish Studies](#) [5], Centro Primo Levi pursues the mission of studying the history and culture of Italian Jewry with the purpose of sharing, promoting and cultivating it.

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Program of the symposium:

SEPTEMBER 8

Casa Italiana Zerilli Marimò

24 West 12 Street, NYC

free admission

Primo Levi: Writer and Scientist

7:00 - 8:00 pm - Elements of Writing: Primo Levi Today

A conversation on new trends and views in the reading of Primo Levi hosted by Franco Baldasso (New York University) with Uri Cohen (Columbia University).

8:30 -9:30 pm - A Bridge Between Science and Literature

Luigi Dei (Department of Chemistry, Università di Firenze).

Introduced by Andrea Fiano (CPL).

SEPTEMBER 9

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Italian Cultural Institute

686 Park Avenue (68 Street) NYC  
free admission. RSVP: 212-879-4242 ext. 361

Reading Primo Levi  
7:00 pm

Actor-playwright Moni Ovadia reads excerpts from Primo Levi's writings.

Italian w/English supertitles.

SEPTEMBER 15

Center for Jewish History

15 West 16 Street, NYC

7:00 pm

Admission: \$15, \$10 for members of CPL, Casa Italiana Zerilli Marimò and

Italian Cultural Institute.

Tickets: 212-868-4444 [www.smarttix.com](http://www.smarttix.com)

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Primo Levi, Historian and Public Figure.

7:00 pm - Film premiere: "Primo Levi's on Television" by Roberto Olla.

Italian w/English subtitles.

7:30 - 8:30 pm - The politics of memory - A conversation with Marc Greif

(American Prospect, London Review of Books), Robert Weil (W.W.Norton and

co-editor of the upcoming complete works of Primo Levi), Sergio Parussa

(Wesley College), Andrea Fiano (CPL).

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