

***'The honey and the sting'* - Naomi Shemer's life-story and creation**

By Roy Rimshon.

On Monday, May 13 at 7 pm, the North Central Florida Jewish community is in for a musical treat! The Jewish Council presents *The Honey and the Sting*: The Incredible Story of the State of Israel Through the Life and Compositions of Naomi Shemer, an interactive program by Roy Rimshon. Admission to this event is \$10 per person. For more information and to RSVP, please contact the JCNCF at 352.371.3846 or office@jcncf.org.

Since the ancient days of King David, the Jewish people have not enjoyed a songwriter or composer whose songs and melodies were sung by so many, and had such a vast and dramatic effect on the Jewish and Israeli narrative as Naomi Shemer.

Shemer, who lived in Israel from 1930 to 2004, composed over 1,000 songs and tunes. Most of them are sung together with the story of the state of Israel, since its birth, following its happy days as well as the sad, up to our present time. Shemer's songs are still very much alive and sung by all. From kindergarten children, through middle and high-schools, IDF soldiers to weddings and funerals. Every day songs and special occasions on the Israeli calendar, from memorial-days to Jewish holidays, Shemer's songs are Israel's soundtrack. She is everywhere and belongs to everyone and everybody in Israel and abroad.

Roy Rimshon's talk will shed light on Shemer's unexpected and colorful life story. Since the dawn of her childhood in Kibbutz Kinneret, through her adolescence, her musical education and early songs, up to becoming a living legend, Rimshon takes you on the journey of her life. His talk combines songs known to all, videos and rare pictures that unfold the life and work of one of the most influential and beloved artists in the history of the state of Israel.

Roy Rimshon recently took some time off from educational work to study and lecture on the subject of Naomi Shemer's life and work. Roy is married to Noam, and they are parents to Ori (7) and Anne (4) and live in Lotem in the Galil.