

Dear Poets, Writers & Readers:

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from Poetry in Motion NYC Subway series:

*I stood during the entire journey:
nobody offered me a seat
although I was at least a hundred years older than anyone else on board,
although the signs of at least three major afflictions
were visible on me:
Pride, Loneliness, and Art.*

Nina Cassian CreditJim O'Connor

On Sunday afternoon, **June 8**, I will be reading at the JCC in Tarrytown @ **Sundays with George** Reading Series, from the work of the recently deceased **poet, NINA CASSIAN**. I both knew and admired Nina and her astonishing body of work. As a political exile from Rumania at age 75, she was given asylum in New York where she continued to write until her death earlier this month at age 89. Her extensive writings include 6 books in English, 24 books of poetry in Romanian, 12 books for children; 4 puppet plays, 3 books of fiction, musical compositions, and translations from Russian, French, German, and etc. A marvelously creative, impressive life despite danger, pressure, and dislocation. As a 'world-class poet' Nina was recognized in many European countries, in Manhattan, where she frequently read, but her reputation somehow has not found its way up here to Westchester. More can be found at NYTimes Obit 4-19-2014.

If any of you know of and love Nina's work as I do, please email me at **nsafir1225@yahoo.com** so you can be included in this reading. It will involve a pre-meeting before June 8 for planning ..

Many thanks,

Natalie Safir