

JUD 260 Yiddish Literature and Culture

Topic for Spring 2016: The Yiddish Novel

All readings in translation
MW 2:40-4pm (Smith College)
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How does Yiddish fiction offer us
alternative futures of the past?



Take advantage of being next door to National Yiddish Book Center,
the largest collection of Yiddish books in the world!

Why did Yiddish so often find itself at bloody crossroads of the 20th Century?

What is the relationship between folklore and modern identity?

How does the transnational nature of imagined YIDDISHLANDS often serve the
cause of RADICAL political and creative intervention?

Includes discussion of the symbolic weight of Yiddish in
Contemporary American culture and post-Holocaust memory