Honey on the Page: Yiddish Children’s Literature and the Jewish Twentieth Century

Sept. 12, Oct. 10, & Nov. 14, 2019

This seminar will examine a set of primary sources that have been neglected until now: stories and poems written in the early decades of the twentieth century for Yiddish-speaking children. We will analyze these texts critically, placing them in their European and American contexts and seeing what they have to teach about the movements and events that dominated the Jewish twentieth century and how they address questions that still perplex contemporary Jewish communities. Session topics include: 1) A Sabbath for Socialists 2) Family as State, State as Family 3) The Evergreen Legend of the Jewish Pope.

This seminar will be moderated by Miriam Udel, Associate Professor of Yiddish Language, Literature, and Culture in the Department of German Studies and The Tam Institute for Jewish Studies at Emory University, and will meet at the Fox Center from 6:30pm to 8:00pm on the following Thursdays during the 2019 fall semester: September 12, October 10, and November 14. Seating is limited and must be reserved in advance. Participants are expected to attend all three sessions. Everyone from the Atlanta community is welcome and invited to join us for this free seminar. For more information and to reserve seating on a “first-come basis,” email the Fox Center at foxcenter@emory.edu, or call 404.727.6424.

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