

LITERARY SURVEY · SIXTEEN SESSIONS

Jewish Writers: A Literary Tradition

Sholem Aleichem, Kafka, Bellow, Malamud, Ozick, Amichai, and more

The Jewish literary tradition is one of the great continuous conversations in Western letters, and it is far larger than any single national literature. This course reads the Yiddish masters, the European modernists, the American postwar giants, the Israeli poets, and the contemporary writers still reshaping the tradition. Every session opens with a text and closes with a question.

SIX REPRESENTATIVE SESSIONS

1. Sholem Aleichem and the Yiddish story
2. Kafka: parables, letters, hunger
3. Isaac Bashevis Singer and the vanished world
4. Bellow, Malamud, Roth: the postwar American Jewish novel
5. Cynthia Ozick and Grace Paley
6. Yehuda Amichai and modern Israeli poetry

FORMATS · ALL CAN BE ADAPTED TO YOUR CALENDAR

- Full series:** Sixteen weekly sessions of 90 minutes
- Workshop:** Four to eight sessions, shaped to the venue's calendar
- Single talk:** One 60–90 minute lecture on a chosen theme
- Delivery:** In person, on Zoom, or hybrid

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