

Between Two Worlds

Exploring Jewish Culture and Religion through Yiddish Literature and Programs

May/June 2026 Programs*

NRPL has been selected as one of 40 libraries nationwide to participate in the Yiddish Book Center's Public Libraries Program. Join us for a series of engaging discussions of exploring Jewish culture and religion through Yiddish Literature and special programs.

Yiddish Book Center Visit (Virtual)

Thursday, May 7 @ 2:00 pm

Celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month by joining us as for the kick off of Between Two Worlds: Exploring Jewish Culture and Religion through Yiddish Literature and Programs

Take a virtual trip to the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA, a leading institution dedicated to preserving Yiddish language and culture. Learn how the center was founded, explore its exhibits, and discover its wide-ranging programs and digital resources, including the Yiddish Digital Library. **Registration required.**

Shtetlers



Thursday, May 28 @ 3:30 pm

Ossie Davis Theater

Travel back to the lost world of the shtetl in the powerful documentary *Shtetlers*, which explores the once-thriving Jewish towns of Eastern Europe before the Holocaust. Through the stories of nine "shtetlers" now scattered across the globe, the film reveals how traditions, language, and cultural practices have endured across generations—preserved in memories that serve as living links to the last vestiges of shtetl life.

Tevye the Dairyman by Sholem Aleichem



Monday, June 8 @ 6:15pm

Room 3F

Join us for a discussion of *Tevye the Dairyman* by Sholem Aleichem. You'll meet Tevye, the wise and witty milkman whose story inspired *Fiddler on the Roof*. Through humor, faith, and resilience, this beloved classic explores family, tradition, and the challenges of a changing world. **Registration required.**

The second part of this discussion will take place on Monday, June 29, 6:15 pm when we discuss Motl the Cantor's Son by Sholem Aleichem. You will automatically be enrolled in that discussion when you register for this session

Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles



Saturday, June 20 @ 1:00 pm

Ossie Davis Theater

Go behind the scenes of one of the most beloved musicals of all time, *Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles*. This engaging documentary explores the origins, themes, and lasting cultural impact of *Fiddler on the Roof*, followed by a discussion with film historian and librarian Chris Poggiali.

Motl the Cantor's Son by Sholem Aleichem



Monday, June 29 @ 6:15 pm

Room 3F

Join us for a discussion of *Motl the Cantor's Son* by Sholem Aleichem. We'll join young Motl on his journey from a Russian shtetl to New York City. Filled with humor and insight, this story captures the immigrant experience and the hopes, struggles, and resilience of a new beginning in America. **Registration required.**



Book Discussion



Film

***Programs continue through 12/2026. View and register for all Between Two Worlds programs at bit.ly/NRPL_Yiddish2026 or scan the QR code.**



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