

Prominent Yiddish Writers, Their Lifespans and Significant Works

The Classic Writers

1. Mendele Mocher Sforim (Sholem Yankev Abramovitsh) – 1836–1917

- The Mare
- Shlomo the Son of Chaim
- Fishke the Lame
- The Travels of Benjamin the Third

2. Sholem Aleichem (Sholem Rabinovitsh) – 1859–1916

- Tevye the Dairyman
- Motl the Cantor's Son
- Menachem-Mendl
- The Bloody Joke
- From the Fair

3. I. L. Peretz – 1852–1915

- Hasidic Stories
- Folk Tales
- Monish
- The Golden Chain
- At Night in the Old Market

Major Figures of the Foundational Generation

4. Hayim Nahman Bialik – 1873–1934

- From Pain and Anger
- A Joyous Thing

- The Treasure
- Yiddish Legends

5. Sholem Asch – 1880–1957

- A Shtetl
- Sanctification of the Name
- God of Vengeance
- The Psalms Jew
- Moses
- The Man from Nazareth
- The Prophet
- Moscow–Petersburg–Warsaw
- Motke the Thief
- East River
- Uncle Moses

6. Shimon Shmuel Frug – 1860–1916

- Spring Songs
- Sand and Stars
- The Goblet
- The Paper Bridge
- New Year and Holiday Songs

7. Yehoash (Solomon Bloomgarden) – 1872–1927

- Yiddish Translation of the Bible
- Poems and Songs
- From New York to Rehovot

8. H. Leivick (Leivick Halpern) – 1888–1962

- Siberian Poems

- Somewhere Far Away
- The Golem
- Hirsh Lekert
- Where Freedom Lives
- Rags
- Shop
- I Was Not in Treblinka

9. S. Ansky (Shloyme-Zanvl Rapoport) – 1863–1920

- The Dybbuk
- Destruction of Galicia
- From Eternal Torment
- The Oath

Dramatists and Founders of the Yiddish Theater

10. Avrom Goldfaden – 1840–1908

- The Grandmother and the Grandchild
- Schmendrik, or The Comic Wedding
- The Beggar and the Starving Man
- The Sorceress
- The Two Kuni-Lemls
- Thou Shalt Not Covet
- Messianic Times
- Shulamis
- Doctor Almasada
- Bar Kokhba
- Ahasuerus

- Rabbi Yozelman
- The Binding of Isaac

11. Jacob Gordin – 1853–1909

- Siberia
- God, Man, and Devil
- The Jewish King Lear
- Mirele Efros
- The Stranger
- Elisha ben Abuyah
- Kreutzer Sonata

12. David Pinski – 1872–1959

- Isaac Sheftel
- The Tsvi Family
- The Treasure
- The Eternal Jew
- Yankl the Blacksmith
- Messiahs

13. Leon Kobrin – 1873–1946

- Mine
- Nature, Man, and Beast
- Yankl Boyle, or The Village Lad
- Ghetto
- The Golden Stream
- Immigrants
- From a Lithuanian Shtetl

14. Joseph Lateiner – 1853–1935

- Little Jew, or Truth and Lies
- David's Fiddle
- A Wicked Woman
- The Destruction of Jerusalem

15. Peretz Hirshbein – 1880–1948

- The Green Fields
- The Empty Inn
- Babel
- Around the World

Prose Writers and Poets of Social Struggle

16. Avrom Reyzen – 1876–1953

- The Sick Finger
- Hammer, Hammer, Strike
- Blow, Blow, Angry Winds
- What Does the Rain Teach Us?
- You Ask

17. Morris Winchevsky – 1856–1932

- Songs of Struggle
- In Rain, in Wind, in Cold
- The Mad Philosopher

18. Morris Rosenfeld – 1862–1923

- Workers and Freedom
- My Little Boy
- The Hanukkah Lights

19. Avrom Liessin (Walt) – 1871–1938

- Memories and Portraits
- Judah Maccabee
- Hirsh Lekert

20. Moshe Nadir (Yitskhok Reyf) – 1885–1943

- From Man to Man
- Little Morality Tales
- Ink and Quill

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Prominent Prose Writers

21. Joseph Opatoshu – 1886–1954

- In the Polish Woods
- The Last Uprising
- A Day in Regensburg
- Jewish Legend and Other Stories

22. Israel Joshua Singer – 1893–1944

- On Foreign Soil
- Yoshe Kalb
- The Brothers Ashkenazi
- The Family Carnovsky
- Friend Nachman

23. Isaac Bashevis Singer – 1904–1991

- My Father's Court
- Stories from Behind the Stove

- The Penitent
- The Magician of Lublin
- The Slave
- The Mirror and Other Stories

24. Zalman (Salkind) Shneour – 1887–1959

- Jews of Shklov
- 50 Years
- Uncle Zhome
- Caesar and the Rabbi

25. Hersh-Dovid Nomberg – 1876–1927

- Feiglman
- From a Polish Yeshiva
- The Family

26. Chaim Grade – 1910–1982

- The Kloiz and the Street
- My Mother's Testament
- The Synagogue Courtyard
- My Mother's Sabbaths
- Tsemakh Atlas

Most Influential Yiddish Writers in Eastern Europe

27. Itzik Manger – 1901–1969

- Stars on the Roof
- Lanterns in the Wind
- Bible and Megillah Songs
- Midrash Itzik

- Velvl Zbarzher Writes Letters to Malkele the Beautiful

28. Eliezer Steinbarg – 1880–1932

- Alef-Beys (Alphabet)
- Fables

29. Moshe Broderzon – 1890–1956

- Enthusiasm
- Pearls on the Bridge
- David and Bathsheba
- Jew

30. Yitzhak Katzenelson – 1886–1944

- The Sun Sets in Flames
- Tarshish
- The White Life
- The Song of the Murdered Jewish People

31. Aaron Zeitlin – 1898–1973

- The Calf
- Metatron
- Jacob Frank
- Yidnstadt
- Names of Jewish Children
- Songs of Destruction and Songs of Faith

32. Leyb Neydus – 1890–1918

- Lyric
- Nieman
- Lithuanian Arabesques
- Vilna

Literary Group “Young Vilna”

33. Avrom Sutzkever – 1913–2010

- Siberia
- Forest Poems
- Vilna Ghetto
- Jewish Street
- Hidden City

34. Shmerke Kaczerginski – 1908–1954

- Spring
- Quiet, Quiet
- I Was a Partisan
- Between Hammer and Sickle
- Songs from the Ghettos and Camps (Anthology)

35. Hirsh Glick – 1922–1944

- Partisan Hymn

36. Leyzer Wolf – 1910–1943

- Vilna Courtyard
- The Boulevard Girl
- Ayzik-Meir Dik and the Widow Rom

Literary Group “Di Yunge”

37. Mani Leib (Brahinsky) – 1883–1953

- Little Boy, Ring Ring
- Poems and Ballads
- Jewish and Slavic Motifs

38. Zishe Landau – 1889–1937

- From the World
- The Blue Nightingale
- Nothing Happened

39. Menachem Boreisho – 1888–1949

- The Wanderer
- Zavel Rimer
- The Reincarnation
- Prayers

40. Israel Jacob Schwartz – 1885–1971

- Kentucky
- Hebrew Poetry
- Our Song in Spain
- Moses Our Teacher

41. Moyshe-Leyb Halpern – 1886–1932

- In New York
- The Golden Peacock
- My Sayings
- Memento Mori
- Shalomisms

Literary Group “Inzikhists” (Introspectivists)

42. Jacob Glatstein – 1896–1971

- Radiant Jews
- Deep Within
- When Yash Arrived

- The Joy of the Yiddish Word
- Good Night, World
- The Dead Do Not Praise God
- Speak to Me in Yiddish

43. Aaron Glantz-Leyeles – 1889–1966

- Fabius Lind
- Young Autumn
- Shlomo Molkho
- Asher Lemlein

44. Ephraim Auerbach – 1892–1973

- On the Threshold
- Caravans
- White City
- The Red Thread
- Pure is the Ancient Spring

45. A. Lutski (Aaron Zucker) – 1894–1957

- Take It, It's Good for You
- A Book for Life
- Portraits of Writers
- From All Things Good
- Genesis in the Middle

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Most Prominent Yiddish Writers in the Soviet Union

46. David Bergelson – 1884–1952

- After Everything
- The Deaf One
- By the Dnieper
- Birobidzhaner
- Prince Reuveni

47. Peretz Markish – 1895–1952

- The Heap
- Generation Out – Generation In
- Never Mind
- War

48. Leib Kvitko – 1893–1952

- For the Children's Sake
- Green Grass
- Song of My Soul
- Completely Free

49. Dovid Hofshteyn – 1889–1952

- From Childhood Years
- On Bright Ruins
- Mourning
- I Believe
- In Winter Twilight
- In the Yiddish Word

50. Itzik Fefer – 1900–1952

- About Myself and Those Like Me
- Arrows on Miles

- I Am a Jew
- Blooming Mists
- Wonderful Forest

51. Izzy Charik – 1898–1937

- Minsk Streets
- Bread
- With Body and Soul
- At a Stranger's Wedding
- Round Weeks

52. Moshe Kulbak – 1896–1937

- Vilna
- Zelmenyaner
- Disna's Childe Harold
- Boitré
- Jacob Frank
- Monday
- Journeys

53. Der Nister (Pinchas Kahanovich) – 1884–1950

- Little Tales and Verses
- Song and Prayer
- Reflections
- The Family Mashber

Women Writers of Yiddish Prose and Poetry

54. Fradl Shtok – 1888–ca.1952

- Collected Stories

- A Fur Merchant

55. Kadya Molodowsky – 1894–1974

- Important Nights
- Dzika Street
- King David Alone Remained
- A House with Seven Windows
- Jewish Children

56. Rokhl Korn – 1898–1982

- Village
- Earth
- Red Man
- Home and Homelessness

57. Hinde Ester Kreytman – 1891–1954

- The Dance of the Demons
- Diamonds
- The New World

58. Miriam Ulinover – 1894–1944

- Grandmother's Treasure