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A few words about the Yiddish courses offered at Columbia from student evaluations:

"This class made me want to explore the
Yiddish language and culture even
further."

(Elementary Yiddish I)

"Great professor. Great energy. Made me
excited to learn about something I
previously had zero interest in!!!"

(Gender and Sexuality in Yiddish Literature)

"Agi's enthusiasm for Yiddish is
infectious!"

(Elementary Yiddish I)

"Absolutely superb. Phenomenal. A joy. I
could go on kvelling forever. Professor
Dauber is brilliant."

(Humor in Jewish Literature)

YIDDISH COURSES OFFERED IN FALL 2026

-ELEMENTARY YIDDISH I

(Yiddish UN1101, 4 points)

TR 12:10-2:00 PM

- ADVANCED YIDDISH

(Yiddish UN3333, 3 points)

MW 2:10-3:25 PM

- NEW YIDDISH LITERATURE

(Yiddish UN3520, 3 points)

T 4:10-6:00 PM

**We offer the Yiddish Major and Minor
in Yiddish as the only program in the
US!**

More info about requirements is here:



Yiddish, the language of the Ashkenazi
Jews, has been spoken for over 1,000
years. Before the Second World War there
were over 12 million Yiddish speakers.

New York has been one of the most
vibrant centers of Yiddish culture since
the first half of the 20th century.

"One can find in the Yiddish tongue and in
the Yiddish spirit expressions of pious joy,
lust for life, longing for the Messiah,
patience and deep appreciation of human
individuality. There is a quiet humor in
Yiddish and a gratitude for every day of
life, every crumb of success, each
encounter of love. ... In a figurative way,
Yiddish is the wise and humble language
of us all, the idiom of frightened and
hopeful Humanity."

(Isaac Bashevis Singer,
Nobel Prize Lecture, 1978)



Isaac Bashevis Singer

(1903-1991)

The most famous Yiddish writer, winner
of Nobel Prize in Literature and two U.S.
National Awards