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“Hasidic Yiddish and What We Can Learn From It?”

Zelda Kahan Newman is associate professor of languages and literatures at Lehman College of CUNY. Her research and teaching focus on linguistics, Hebrew and Yiddish language and literature, as well as Yiddish culture. She is an active translator of Hebrew and Yiddish literature and currently engaged in an on-going study of Hasidic women and their use of Yiddish.

“Bi-lingualism among Bobover Hasidic Girls”

Ayala Fader is associate professor of anthropology at Fordham University. Her research interests include Jewish ethnography, religion, language and culture, gender, childhood, and urban anthropology. Her book, Mitzvah Girls: Bringing Up the Next Generation of Hasidic Jews in Brooklyn (Princeton University Press, 2009), won the New York City Book Award by the New York Society Library and the National Jewish Book Award in the category of Women’s Studies.

“A Turkish Jew’s Tale: ‘Pasha’”

Jane Mushabac is professor of English at New York City Technology College, where she teaches creative writing, composition, and literature. Her research interests include fiction, Sephardic Studies, New York City, and Herman Melville. Mushabac’s writing reflects her Turkish-Sephardic Jewish heritage, including her own creative writing in Ladino, the Judeo-Spanish language carried from Spain by ancestors.

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