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## **ABOUT JEWISH STORYTELLER PRESS**

**Jewish Storyteller Press** was created in 2007 by Scott Hilton Davis as a way of bringing the stories of 19th century Yiddish writers to 21st century English-speaking readers through print-on-demand and e-book technology.

Scott's decision to use these technologies stemmed from an interesting discovery: the Jewish writers he was most interested in presenting to modern readers actually published their own works in the late 1800s. In 1888, Sholem Aleichem published his literary journal, *Di yidishe folks-bibliotek (The Jewish People's Library)*, and two years later, Jacob Dinezon published I. L. Peretz's first book of Yiddish stories, *Bekante bilder (Familiar Pictures)*.

Throughout the 1890s, Dinezon and Peretz published several additional works, including their own literary journal and a series of periodicals called *Yontef bletlekh (Holiday Pages)*. Scott believes that if these writers were here today, they would have enthusiastically embraced these new publishing technologies. And what better way to keep their names, stories, and literary legacies alive for future generations?

Books published by Jewish Storyteller Press include Jacob Dinezon's *Memories and Scenes: Shtetl, Childhood, Writers,* a collection of 11 autobiographical short stories called "a masterpiece" by the *Jewish Daily Forward;* two novels, *Hershele: A Jewish Love Story* about a poor yeshiva boy who falls in love with the daughter of a rich widow, and *Yosele: A Story from Jewish Life* about the tragic life of a poor but brilliant school boy; and Shmuel Rozshanski's literary biography, *Jacob Dinezon: The Mother Among Our Classic Yiddish Writers.* 

Jewish Storyteller Press also created a website at <u>www.jacobdinezon.com</u> to provide English-translated biographical and research materials related to this once-famous and beloved Yiddish writer.

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