Treasures of Ukrainian Judaica in the Dorot Jewish Collection

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Description: In 2022, The New York Public Library responded to the current events in Ukraine by hosting an Open House titled "Ukraine and its People" and by implementing a special emergency fellowship program for the Ukrainian scholars in cooperation with Fordham University. The Open House featured a large Jewish section. While working on both initiatives, Lyudmila discovered a fascinating trove of rare Ukrainian Jewish materials at the NYPL. The scope and value of these materials would not be so obvious without thorough study of the Library’s catalogs. In her presentation, Lyudmila will focus on a selection of the early Hebrew imprints from Ukraine, Yiddish books illustrated by prominent avant-garde artists and the rare editions of Ukrainian-Yiddish translations from the early 20th century.

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