

THE BROTHERS ASHKENAZI (1936) by I.J. Singer is the current novel that people are reading for the Adult Education Committee sponsored book group, open to all CBA members and friends.

BROTHERS, a powerful, multi-layered classic, deals with the life of the Jewish Community in Poland which was annihilated by the Germans in WWII. Originally written in Yiddish about Jews, the book invokes and celebrates the human spirit in all peoples. Two brothers -- Max, the older, was pathologically ambitious, had money madness, and was indifferent to the opinions of others; Yakob was a self-indulgent lover of life, greedy for experience, and un-ambitious. They disliked each other's character. Max, in particular, was blind to the declining economy and blind to the inner ruin he was preparing for himself.

LORETTA DENNER, SRJC English professor emeritus and fluent in Yiddish, will again lead the discussion which will be held on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 7:30pm, probably in the CBA Succah. A limited # of books borrowed from the SFJCLibrary are available in the CBA Office. Questions or comments? Linda Emblen 544-4532.

Also, the SF area, ONE BAY ONE BOOK selection for 2018-19 is THE PLOT AGAINST AMERICA (2004) by Philip Roth. I haven't reserved library books yet. Roth's novel is about what it would have been like if Charles Lindbergh had been elected President instead of FDR. Please phone if you are interested in reading and/or leading discussion of it.



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