

Rymkiewicz, Jarosław Marek. 1994. The final station : Umschlagplatz / translated by Nina Taylor. New York : Farrar, Straus, Giroux.

(3) It is on the U. that the history of Polish Jewry came to an end, was arrested and seemingly terminated.

(48) A specific place has not been concretized, as though its appearance signified nothing, for those who passed through it.

(85) an Um. In Central Park; (83) I'd like to establish whether blockades would be feasible in NY

(69) O God, let me just once in my life travel by train to Świder amid the pandemonium and uproar issuing from Sheol, from history's abyss. But this clearly exceeds Thy scope, so I withdraw my request.

Witness: (33) I was there in October 1968, as the last Polish Jews stood on the platforms at Gdańsk Station waiting for the trains to Vienna

(42) has made me what I am today. I was a witness, and nothing will ever change my nature now, because it was the most decisive thing in my life: I witnessed it.

(44) extended discussion: It is only as a Christian that I can address the problem: out of a sense of shared suffering

(77) if I shirked responsibility I'd cease to be a native

(25) the obscenity of Polish-Christian survival

Icyk Mandelbaum = IBS; his imaginary return 160 ff

Chaja, his true love, floats away in a Chagallesque gesture (169); admits that he/IBS speak different languages. The language of the dead (171)

Failure of the historical method: (58) (43)

(104) If he were a Jew, he'd have left in 1949/40

(129) My dirge is a lament for myself, When I mourn for the Polish Jews it is an act of self-mourning, the lament of a Pole forever forsaken by Polish Jews> You'd have to be really mean to call that fiction

(146) Jakub Berman, the evil brother of Adolf!!

(154) the pathology of Jew-envy in contemp Poland; why author is mistaken for a Jew

Discovers **Perechodnik's diary** (173) (223); revises what he write earlier; why it scandalizes everyone (227)

246, 249 new identity crisis Both a German & a Pole

(184) dialogue w?Shestov

Has IBS debate Slonimski (202 ff

204 Jew. Identity politics

IBS on death of Yiddish (207)

(291) Jews cavorting on the beach during extermination

(303) U. will not be forgotten

(316) parses the word

(319) the limits of his mimetic power vis-à-vis the Jews; must resort to fiction

(325) the child in the photo = himself