

THREE TALES

1. Zalmen the Glazier

80-yr-old baal-guf

grotesque couple that produced a healthy breed

tall tales of the past, lived outdoors

A. warm-up: aberrations of NATURE

B. Mrs. Dobush & Reb Leyb Sore's

C. adventures of a Porits-mentshele

saved by a charm

"rational" explanation: there really was such a Polish squire D. famous story of
bag of oats [omitted in English]

2. Levi-Yitskhok Amshinover & His Magic Cane

never used as a prop

di baynakhtike = more malevolent than daytime spirits

tale of Reb Zaynvele's double

a nisht-doiker

maskilic debunkers

marriage annuled because of bathhouse episode

narrator witnessed the bill of divorce

3. Meyer Tumtum the intellectual mystic

sprit / soul

cfs. ea/prior tale w/literary sources

Tale of the Yenuka, Reb Tsadok

accelerated development

married @ age 5

dies a saintly death; wife never remarries

Interpretation:

Were these written by Bashevis in 1930s: tales of religious decline, degradation

Were these written by Peretz: messianic-redemptive

social differentiation

Zalmen: artisan class

Levi-Yitskhok: MC

Meyer Eunuch: intellectual

conjures up world of faith & normative magic