A Note on Dates, Spelling, and Names

Pre-revolutionary dates in this book are given in the "Old Style." In conformity with academic practice, pre-revolutionary Russian orthography has been modernized. Transliterations follow the Library of Congress method, except where a common usage in English is well-established.

In the text I use "Sholom Aleichem." In notes, I refer to the famed writer with his name as spelled in the title page of the cited work; thus "Sholem Aleichem" also appears.

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