



# Creativity & Resilience: Jewish Life in Eastern Europe 1500–2020

W. Stryowski, *Jewish Wedding in Galicia*

## When

Wednesdays from 7:30–9:30 PM  
October 6, 13, 20, 27  
November 3, 10, 17, 24  
December 1, 8

## Where

All classes will be held on Zoom.  
Link will be sent to those who register.

## Cost

\$250 for the semester

Note that partial and full scholarships are available! Please do not let cost be a barrier!

## Enrollment

To enroll online, please go to:  
[www.teprov.org/form/DelveDeeperF21](http://www.teprov.org/form/DelveDeeperF21)

You may also enroll by calling the  
Temple Emanu-El Office: 401.331.1616

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**All are welcome to join!**

Instructor: **Natan M. Meir, Ph.D., Lorry I. Lokey**  
**Prof. of Judaic Studies, Portland State University**

For many centuries, Eastern Europe was one of the great centers of Jewish civilization. This course explores the society that Jews created in the east European borderlands, a world unto itself but also closely interlinked with the surrounding Slavic and Christian milieu. Drawing on key documents from the world of Polish and Russian Jews, we will examine central phenomena such as

- » the shtetl,
- » the Hasidic movement,
- » the emergence of modern Yiddish and Hebrew literature,
- » the rise of modern Jewish political movements such as Zionism and Bundism,
- » the creation of Soviet Jewry, and
- » the Holocaust in Eastern Europe.

We will also touch on the question of the outcasts of the Jewish community – beggars, disabled people, and others – who are the subject of the instructor's recent book, *Stepchildren of the Shtetl: The Destitute, Disabled, and Mad of Jewish Eastern Europe, 1800-1939*.

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