

Jewish Responses to Persecution

A 3-part virtual series – Register for one or all!

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The Secret Jews of Majorca Island

Sunday, Feb 14:
5pm

The Spanish Island of Majorca, known for its beach resorts, limestone mountains, and being home to tennis celebrity Rafa Nadal, holds a secret not discussed in most travel guides; During the Inquisition, while the Crypto-Jews (Chuetas) publicly professed Catholicism and privately adhered to Judaism, hundreds were murdered and only 15 families survived. Join guide Dani Rotstein on a special virtual tour of Majorca's history and its lessons for all Jews today.

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The Simon-Skjodt Center Early Warning Project Weds, Feb 24: 7:00 pm – with Mollie Zapata

As Research Manager for the Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide, Mollie Zapata is responsible for conducting quantitative and qualitative research on atrocity prevention, with a primary focus on the Center's Early Warning Project. Mollie leads the Center's work on West Africa, Indonesia, and China. She holds an MA from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and a BA from Boston University.

Discussion will include:

- **Introduction to the Simon-Skjodt Center**
- **Early Warning Project** – Its importance, and what governments do with the information.
- **Case study examples:** Côte d'Ivoire, Burma
- **What can you do?**

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Museum of Jewish Resistance with Tamara Vershitskaya Sunday, March 7: 3:00 pm



Tamara's new project – a Living Memorial to the Bielski partisans – was inspired by recently organized reunions of survivors and their descendants.

Pictured: Survivors of Nowogrodek, including former Bielski partisans, gather for a reunion and memorial service after liberation in 1944. Courtesy of [USHMM](#).

Tamara Vershitskaya is a researcher, translator, founder, and Curator of the Jewish Resistance Museum in Novogrudok (Belarus). In 2007 she created this permanent exhibition on the former ghetto site telling two stories of the most successful Jewish resistance in Nazi occupied Europe. One of them – the story of the Bielski partisans – is widely known thanks to a Hollywood movie 'Defiance'. Since then, the Museum has gradually developed to now include an indoor and outdoor exhibition, two very special Gardens, a Memorial Wall and preserved fragments of the tunnel built by the ghetto prisoners.

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