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Jews, Liquor, and Life in Eastern Europe

October 20 - 12:30pm
Class of ‘47 Room - Babbidge Library

Faculty and students welcome! Kosher lunch will be provided.

Jews dominated the liquor trade in Eastern Europe in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and the Jewish-run tavern became the center of leisure, hospitality, and business. When peasant drunkenness became endemic, that trade became threatened as reformers tried to ban Jews from selling alcohol. New archival discoveries reveal a vast underground Jewish liquor trade that was reliant on an impressive level of Jewish-Christian coexistence.

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