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mini
course

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EVERYDAY JEWISH LIFE IN THE INTERWAR USSR

This course will survey Soviet Jewish history from 1917 to 1941. Particular attention will be given to the lived experiences of Jews as revealed through a variety of primary sources as well as recent scholarship. Although the Jewish experience in the interwar USSR traditionally has been associated with change, this course also will consider the continuities that transcended the rupture between the tsarist and Soviet eras. Another central question that will be explored is the role of belief – religious, ideological, and prejudicial – in shaping both the continuities and changes that the interwar period brought about in the lives of Soviet Jews. Finally, it will be analyzed how memories shaped both the lived experiences of Jews in the interwar Soviet Union and how Jews have conceptualized these years in retrospect.

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13 Monday	10:00
14 Tuesday	11:40
15 Wednesday	15:00
16 Thursday	10:00

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