



# Jews, Urban Space and Early Modernity

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## Sunday, November 7

Hardin Hall, Rebecca Crown Center, 633 Clark Street, Evanston

Dinner — 6 pm (participants should meet in Orrington Hotel lobby at 5:35 pm)

### Keynote Address — 7 pm

**Jews, Urban Space, and Early Modernity: Opening Reflections**  
Elisheva Carlebach, *Columbia University*

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## Monday, November 8

Hardin Hall, Rebecca Crown Center, 633 Clark Street, Evanston

Coffee and Welcome—8:30 to 8:45 am

### Session I — 8:45 to 10:30 am

8:45–9:20 am

Ghetto? What Ghetto?

The Life and Writings of Leon Modena as a Map of Jewish-Christian Space in Early Modern Venice

Howard Adelman, *Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario*

9:20–9:55 am

Problems of Modesty Arising from the Location of Urban Mikvaot: The Case of Venice

Elliot Horowitz, *Bar-Ilan University*

9:55–10:30 am

Jews in Early Modern Rome

Bernard Cooperman, *University of Maryland*

Coffee Break — 10:30 to 10:45 am

### Session II — 10:45 am to 12:30 pm

10:45–11:20 am

“Private” and Public Worship in Early Modern Amsterdam  
Miriam Bodian, *University of Texas, Austin*

11:20–11:55 am

Yiddish Book Producers between Economy and Culture:

Forming a Jewish Guild in Amsterdam 1650–1750

Shlomo Berger, *University of Amsterdam*

11:55 am–12:30 pm

From Vernacular Shtiebel to Synagogue-Cathedral:

Architectural Origins of the Great Early Modern Urban Synagogue

Barry Stiefel, *College of Charleston*

Lunch — 12:30 to 1:45 pm

**Session III — 1:45 to 3:30 pm**

1:45–2:20 pm

Administrative Innovation and Expansion  
in the Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Empire  
Cornell Fleischer, *University of Chicago*

2:20–2:55 pm

Quel Capitano Ebreo Corsaro: Early Modern Jewish History  
in the Medici Archive Project Database  
Brian Sandberg, *Northern Illinois University*

2:55–3:30 pm

The Evolving Image of the Temple and Jerusalem in Jewish Art:  
From Refuge to a Place of Harmony and Co-Existence  
Shalom Sabar, *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

Bus to Spertus — 4:15 pm (pickup at Orrington Hotel)

Tour of Spertus — 5:15 pm (610 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago)

Dinner — 6 pm (Landmark Room, 10th Floor)

**Concert — 7 pm**

**Feinberg Theater, 2nd Floor**

*The Songs of Solomon:*  
*A Performance of Italian Jewish Music of the Baroque*  
Chicago Syntagma Musicum

Bus to Evanston — 8:30 pm

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**Tuesday, November 9**

**Fiedler Hillel, 629 Foster Street, Evanston, 2nd Floor**

Coffee — 8:30 to 9 am

**Keynote Address/ Session IV— 9 am—10:20 am**

**Keynote Address — 9 to 9:45 am**

**Building and Breaking Boundaries in the Early Modern World**  
Edward Muir, *Northwestern University*

**Session IV — 9:45 to 10:20 am**

The Judaicization of Conversos among French Protestants  
and Catholics: The Significance of Spatial and Material Traces  
David Graizbord, *University of Arizona*

Coffee Break — 10:20 to 10:45 am

**Session V — 10:45 am to 12:30 pm**

10:45–11:20 am

The Struggle for Urban Resources:  
Jewish Refugees in Sluck after 1648  
Adam Teller, *Brown University*

11:20–11:55 am

Towards a Definition of the Jewish Quarter  
in Late Medieval and Early Modern Poland  
Jerzy Mazur, *Brandeis University*

11:55–12:30 pm

Toward a Cultural Archaeology of the Eastern European Practical Kabbalah  
Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern, *Northwestern University*

Lunch — 12:30 to 1:30 pm

**Session VI — 1:30 to 3:15 pm**

1:30–2:05 pm

Between Judengasse and the City:  
Jewish Perceptions of Urban Space in Early Modern Worms  
Lucia Raspe, *Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main*

2:05–2:40 pm

Jewish Traders and Urban Economy in 16<sup>th</sup>-Century Friedberg  
Stefan Litt, *Bar-Ilan University and Karl Franzens University (Graz)*

2:40–3:15 pm

Natural Disaster and Urban Identity in Early Modern Germany  
Dean Phillip Bell, *Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies*

**Concluding Remarks — 3:15 to 3:45 pm**



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