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CONFLICTS IN JEWISH HISTORY in the Early Modern Period

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Lecture 1:

JEWISH HISTORY IN THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD, 1500-1800

Jewry Ca. 1700: Geography



Geography

- Village and Small Town Jews
- Ghetto Jews
- Big City Jews

KRAKOW+KAZIMIERZ



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2. PRZEDMIENIE STROZOWA

3. PRZEDMIENIE STROZOWA
KRAKOW - WIDOK

4. KRAKOW W 1375 ROKU

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Geography

Mobility

Refugees and Expellees

Entrepreneurs, Rabbis, Opportunity-Seekers

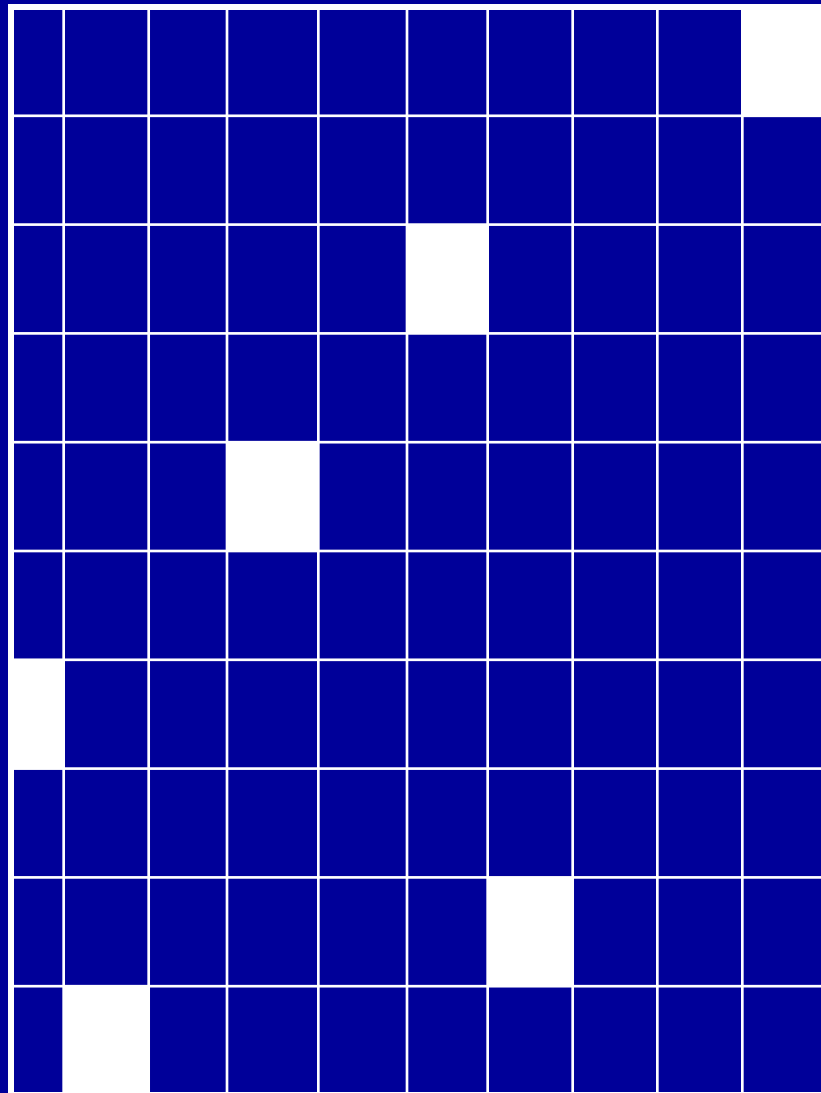
Ideas

Jewry Ca. 1700: Demography

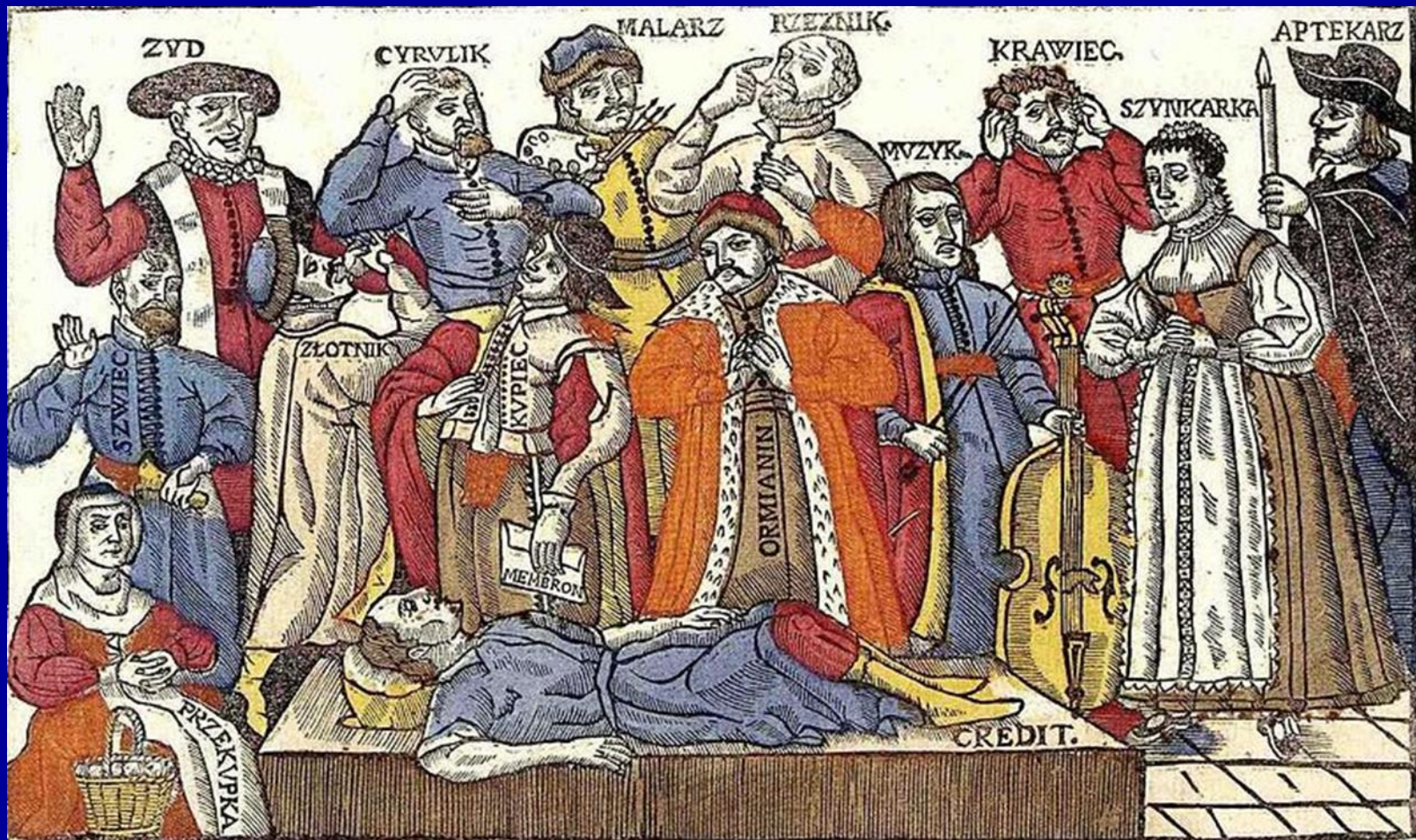
- European Population ~ 100M
- Jewish Population ~ 1.1M
 - Western Europe 180K
 - East Eur & Balkans 540K
 - Asia 200K
 - Africa 175K
 - America/Oceania 5K

Economy

Kuznets Thesis



Economy



Economy

- Moneylending
 - Commerce
 - Leasing
 - Artisanry
- Communal Service



Politics

Corporate Structure

Autonomy

- Double Authority (Lay and Rabbinic)
- Responsibilities

Shtadlanut



New Cultural Capital

From Observers to Performers

From Facilitators to Informed Facilitators

Religion

- Mysticism

- Pietism

- Rationalism

- “Jewish Syncretism”

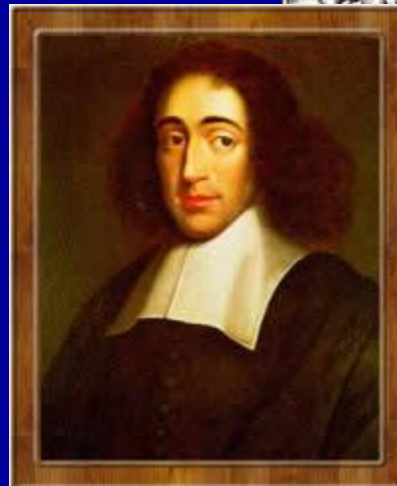


Heresy

Shabbetai Zvi

Jacob Frank

Baruch Spinoza

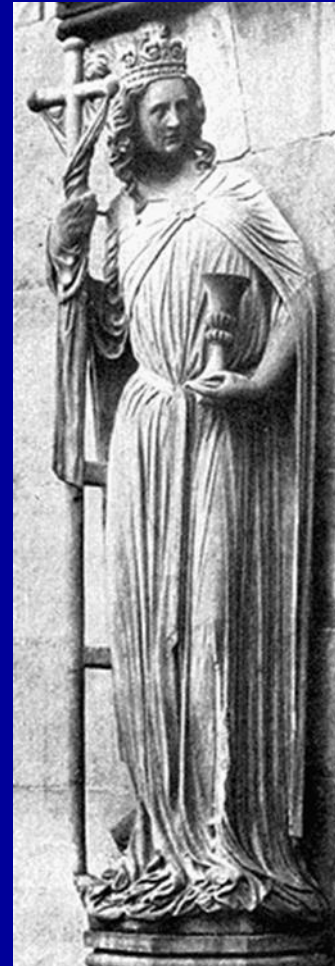


A PEOPLE THAT DWELLS ALONE?

What Metaphor?
CONFLICT
DIALOGUE
EMBEDDED

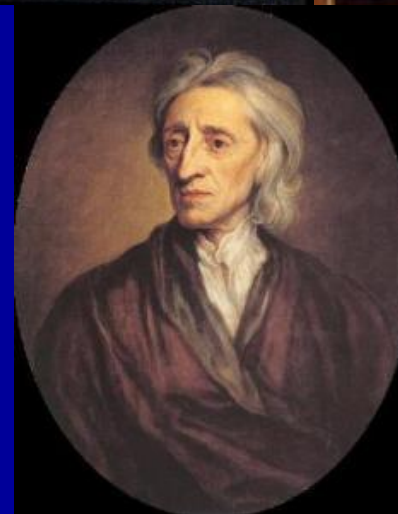
Jews and Non-Jews

- Servi Camerae Tradition
- Privileges
- Persecution
- Practicality



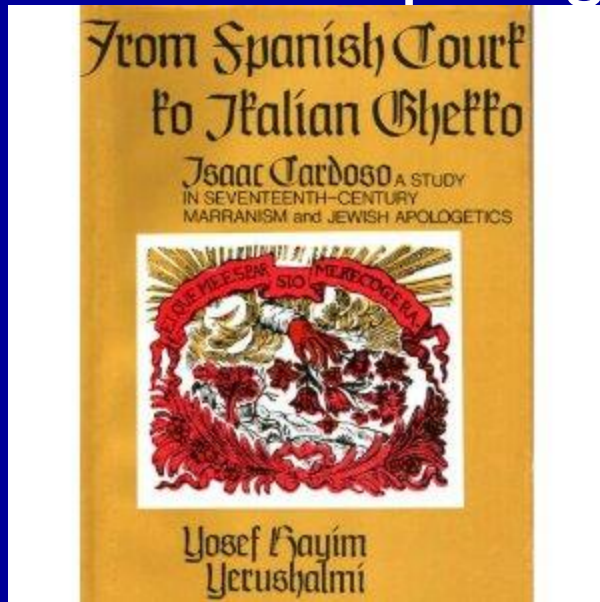
Jews and Non-Jews

- Scepticism
- Secularizing Trends
- Secular Intolerance

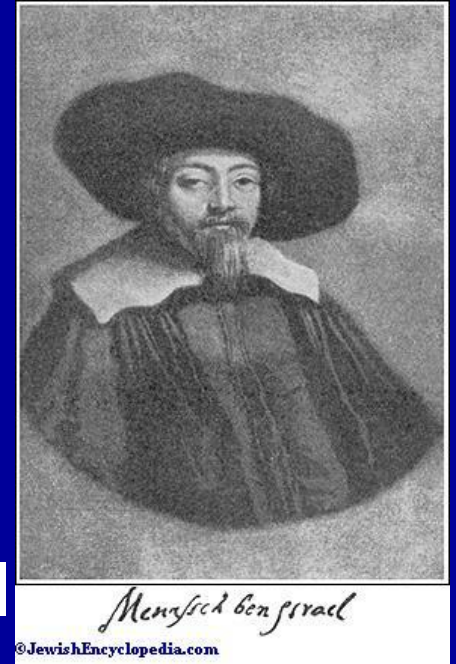


Jews and Non-Jews

Jewish Apologetics



Simone di Luzzatto
Menasseh ben Israel
Isaac Cardozo



Jews on Christians

- “Respect but suspect”
- “For the sake of peace”
- Ethnocentric Expressive Hostility
- The Semi-Neutral Society
 - Beckoning Bourgeoisie
 - Court Jews
 - Maskilim

Boundary Crossing

Business Associates

Conversos

Christian Hebraists

Frankists



CARTE GENERALE
DE LA POLOGNE

avec tous les Etats qui en dependent
d'après sur les cartes anciennes et
appuyée sur les cartes modernes
Par M RIZZI ZAMONI
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A PARIS
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à la Ville de Bordeaux.

18. au Degré
30
35 40 45 50
ont 15 équivalent un Degré
20. au Degré
40
de 18. au Degré
36

UKRAINE

War of
Independence

Civil War

Gezeirot Tah-Tah
(Persecutions of 1648-49)



What Was An Early Modern Jew?

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Medieval Religious Heritage

“Do not kill them lest my people be unmindful; with your power subdue them and bring them low.”

אַל תִּהְרָגֵם כִּן יִשְׁכַּחוּ עַמִּי הַנִּיּעֵמוּ בְּחִילָךְ וְהוֹרִידֵמוּ

Psalms 59:12