BCNM02 Jews in European Society from 1750

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Module Description:

This module provides a survey of the Jewish experience in modern Europe. After a brief introduction to the harbingers of the modern period, we examine how Jewish life and thought in Europe (East and West) was transformed from the period of the Enlightenment to the outbreak of the First World War. For the Jews of Europe this period is marked by innovation, tragedy and success. Among the themes explored in depth are: Jewish emancipation; acculturation, assimilation and integration; Jewish life in the Russian empire and in Eastern Europe; the rise of political and racial antisemitism; mass migration; and varieties of Jewish nationalism.