

Beyond Virtually Jewish

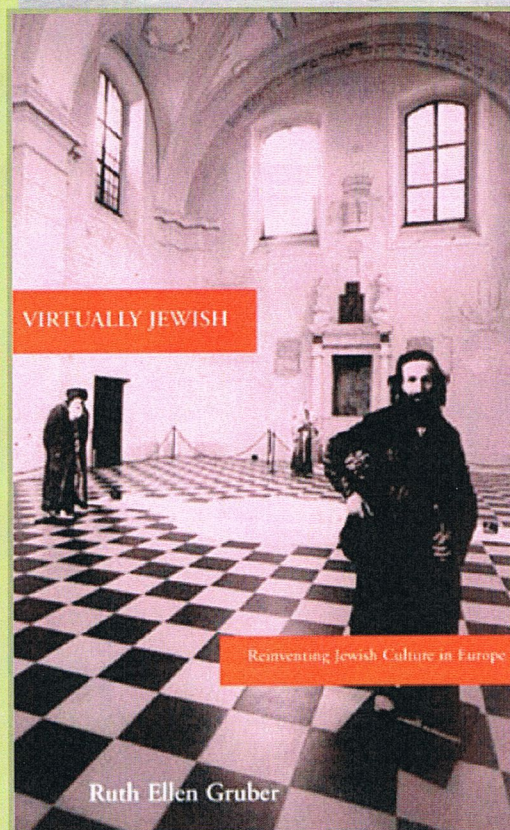
Ruth Ellen Gruber

will discuss new forms of Jewishness in Europe and how she coined the term "Virtually Jewish" to describe non-Jewish involvement, embrace, appropriation and engagement with Jews and Jewish culture — and what that means in today's changing conditions, including the revival of Jewish communities in post-communist Europe. She will discuss new realities and new authenticities; "real imaginary" spaces, and new definitions of "Jewish" including the Kazimierz, the old Jewish quarter of Krakow, and other Jewish spaces and places where community and commercialism combine and collide.

An American author and journalist, Ruth Ellen Gruber has chronicled Jewish cultural developments, Jewish heritage and other contemporary European Jewish issues for more than 25 years.

She is the Coordinator of the website 'Jewish Heritage Europe' and her books include *Virtually Jewish: Reinventing Jewish Culture in Europe*; the National Geographic's *Jewish Heritage Travel: A Guide to Eastern Europe*; *Letters from Europe (and Elsewhere)*; and *Upon the Doorposts of Thy House: Jewish Life in East-Central Europe, Yesterday and Today*.

In 2011 she was decorated by Poland with the Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit, one of Poland's highest honors awarded to foreign citizens.



**Wednesday, 16th October
7pm**

**Davis Theatre
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