

Shtetl - the life and death of a small town and the world of Polish Jews

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Le Shtetl

When the community was very small it would be called a klaynshtetl or even a shtetele; however both terms could also carry the connotation of a parochial lack of sophistication or, at times, a feeling of warmth or nostalgia. She is very brief about German Nazi anti-Semitism.

Shtetl: The Life and Death of a Small Town and the World of Polish Jews by Eva Hoffman

In interwar Poland, the late 1930s saw some revision of the predominantly negative treatment of the shtetl. Accessories such as CD, codes, toys, may not be included. I enjoyed the way she captures the real life of the place in good times and bad, a view one never gets in most histories.

Le Shtetl

Hoffman talked about her new book, Shtetl: The Life and Death of a Small Town and the World of Polish Jews.

SHTETL

Market day was a noisy cacophony of shouting, bargaining, and hustling. It was necessary to mourn and to hate.

Shtetl

This Jewish life in compact settlements had an enormous psychological impact on the development of East European Jewry—as did the language of the shtetl, Yiddish. Despite their power in the domestic sphere, women were vulnerable and became increasingly powerless in matters of divorce.

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Among the goyim, the shtetl Jew saw the emphasis on the body, excess, blind instinct, sexual life, and physical force. The Jewish sections of the Communist Party, the , were often more intolerant than non-Jewish Communists and spearheaded a crusade against religion, Zionism, and Hebrew culture. All of this meant that throughout much of Poland's history, Jews were a highly visible and socially significant presence-- a constituency that had to be reckoned with and one that could even pose challenges to the Poles themselves.

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