



JGSGW Special Presentation

Monday, May 7, 2018

Jewish American History Month

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Library of Congress, African and Middle East Reading Room

12 to 1 PM Meeting:

“Roads Taken: Jewish Peddlers and their American Journeys”

Speaker: Professor Hasia Diner

This event is FREE and Open to the Public

Over the course of the century from the 1820s through the 1920s peddling provided a common path for Jewish immigrants from Europe and the Ottoman Empire who sought new homes in America. Going out on the road, laden with a jumble of goods, crossing into their customers' homes and selling them a range of items, offered Jewish immigrant men a way to make a living and learn how to become American. This humble, peripatetic occupation which for a few led to great fortunes but for most just a solid life in later years, figures prominently in the history of America and its Jews.



Hasia Diner is the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Professor of American Jewish History at New York University, with a joint appointment in the departments of history and the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies. She is also the Director of the Goren Center for American Jewish History.

A specialist in immigration and ethnic history, American Jewish history and the history of American women, she is the author of numerous published books on American Jewish history. She lectures widely, in the United States and abroad to both academic and community audiences on various topics involving American immigration history and American Jewish history.