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## A WEEKEND IN QUEST

### The Lives of Our Mothers and Fathers in Eastern Europe With Professor Natan Meir

Friday evening to Sunday noon  
February 27, 28 & March 1,  
2009

## DIRECTIONS TO HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES

From Portland – Take Sunset Hwy 26 to Coast. Take Hwy 101 north twenty miles to Astoria. Take the roundabout and merge onto West Marine Drive. Go approximately .5 mile and turn left on Columbia Drive. The hotel is on the river under the Astoria-Megler Bridge.

From Seattle/Longview – Take Hwy 30 to Astoria (approximately 47 miles). Hwy 30 merges with West Marine Drive. Follow West Marine Drive to the south side of town. Turn right on Columbia Drive. The hotel is on the river under the Astoria-Megler Bridge.



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Name(s) of attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ street \_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is:

\$225 per person, based on double occupancy hotel room, including lectures and 5 meals. Number of people \_\_\_\_\_  
\$330 per person, based on single occupancy hotel room, including lectures and 5 meals. Number of people \_\_\_\_\_  
\$130 per person, including lectures and 3 meals (does not include breakfast). Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Institute of Judaic Studies, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane, Portland, OR 97239

Space is limited, we encourage you to register early.



## The Lives of Our Mothers and Fathers in Eastern Europe

Spend a weekend.....fascinating lectures by Professor Natan Meir. Experience a special Shabbat with Rabbi Joshua Stampfer and Rabbi Ariel Stone.

At this Shabbaton we will study the lives of our ancestors in Eastern Europe. For most of us, this is the part of the world from which we sprung. Our, oh so brave forebears, left their hearths and homes and set out for the unknown in the “Goldene Medina”, the golden land that they dreamt and hoped that America was, and of which they really knew little. We know little of the world in which they grew up and left for our sakes. Many of us found that our grandparents (parents?) did not want to talk about their life in the the old country. On this Weekend in February, we will have the rare opportunity to enter that lost world with an expert guide, Professor Natan Meir. Let’s explore together! Music is always an important part of Jewish life. On Saturday night we will have “A Glezele Vayn” (a glass of wine) with Sheila Fox, of the Kosher Red Hots. Come! Zing und Tanz! Sing and dance in Yiddish style!

Natan Meir was born in Jerusalem and raised in New Jersey and Quebec. He received his PHD in Jewish history from Columbia University in 2003, taught at the University of Southampton (U.K.) from 2004 to 2008 and was Yad Hanadiv postdoctoral fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in academic year 2007-2008. He is now the Lorry I. Lokey, Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies at Portland State University. His scholarly interest in modern Jewish history, focusing on the social and cultural history of Eastern European Jewry in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. His first book, *Kiev: Jewish Metropolis, 1861-1914*, is forthcoming from Indiana Univeristy Press.

Professor Meir will lecture and lead discussion in the following topics:

- “From Shtetl to Socialism: An Introduction to Eastern European Jewish History”
- “A Portrait of Eastern European Jewish Life at the Turn of the Last Century” (Hasidism, Zionism, Immigration and Urbanization)
- From Anatevka to Anaheim: Myth and Reality in “Fiddler on the Roof”
- The Birth of Yiddish Fiction (Stories of Sholom Aleichem, Mendele Mocher Sforim Peretz and others)

Overnight guests will stay at the Holiday Inn Express, opened in 2004. The hotel provides dramatic riverfront lodging, offering a magnificent view of the mighty Columbia. There will be Shabbat services on site and time for walks, relaxation, exploration of revitalized Astoria and time to use the indoor swimming pool & whirlpool. For more information, visit [astoriahie.com](http://astoriahie.com).

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Your place will be secured only with payment by cash or check and received by our office. We expect that the limited spaces will fill quickly. Please register as soon as possible. Contact: Mary Goldhammer at 503.293.0521

