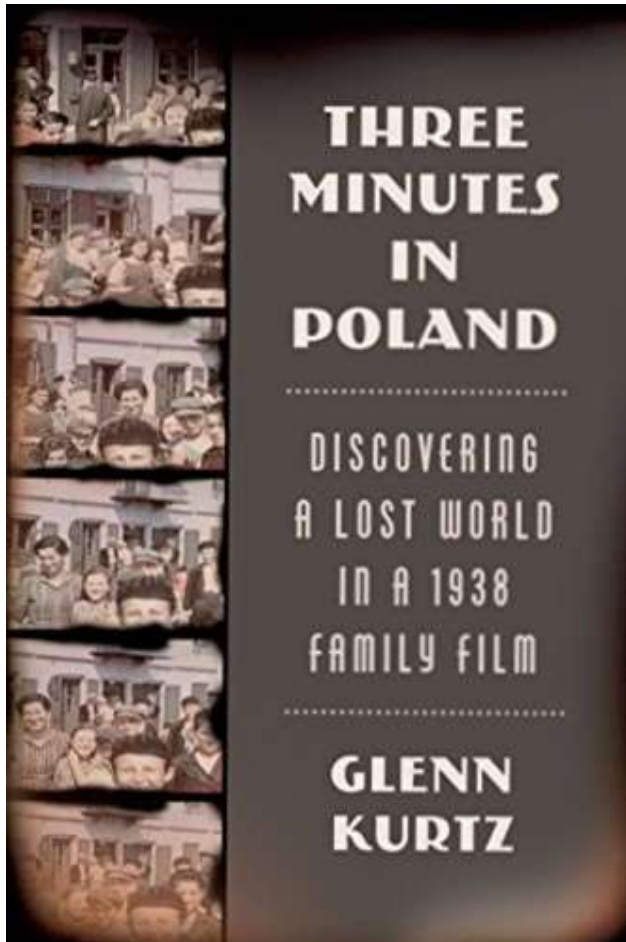


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**Modern Jewish Identities: Between Eastern Europe and the United States**



**Mondays/Wednesdays 3:30-4:45 p.m. (synchronous, online)**

The greatest influx of Jewish immigrants to the United States (1880-1924) came from the Russian empire and that part of the empire that emerged as the sovereign state of Poland in 1918; many immigrants maintained contact with family members remaining in Europe until 90% of Poland's Jewish population were murdered in the Shoah. Our course examines a relatively new phenomenon: the growing number of these Jewish immigrants' descendants (usually third or fourth generation) now venturing on Jewish heritage tours or seeking contact with surviving relatives or ancestral towns in Poland; they hope to recover family histories and connections that seemed forever destroyed by the Shoah. Our study of this phenomenon draws on historical scholarship, documentaries, memoirs, recorded interviews, and materials and critiques pertaining to the "Jewish tourism" industry. **No prerequisites.**

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