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**INVITATION**

**To participate in the Seminars on East European Jewish History and Culture**

**For graduate and PhD students**

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The Centre for the Study of East European Jewish History at the Vilnius University Department of History, together with The Emil A. and Jenny Fish Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies at Yeshiva University, Department of Jewish Studies at Wroclaw University, Department of Russian and Slavic Studies at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and Lviv Catholic University invites MA students currently working on their theses and PhD students to apply and participate in an international online seminar in the field of East European Jewish history and culture. The seminar is open to papers on various topics, chronology, methodology, and approaches in humanities, arts, and social sciences.

The idea to create a platform for MA and PhD students to present their research projects emerged after realizing that students engaged in Jewish studies at the graduate level often lack communication and collaboration with other young researchers, teachers, and academics in the field. These seminars are established as a place for young researchers to present their research, discuss and share ideas, and raise different research questions with their colleagues.

The platform will share the vast collection of sources by institutions: YIVO, the Chief Archivist of Lithuania, and the Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania. The experts at these institutions will guide the seminar’s participants and help them with their ongoing research projects.

We invite MA and PhD students studying East European Jewish history or other topics that include different aspects of Jewish life in the region to participate in the seminars and present their research. Each participant will speak for twenty minutes online about their work. After each presentation, the invited experts will give feedback to the presenters.

The online seminars will take place during the spring semester of the 2024 – 2025 academic year (starting in March 2025). **The applicants are encouraged to send their** presentation proposal (up to 500 words) and a short bio to the Centre for the Study of East European Jewish History by e-mail: jewishstudies@if.vu.lt. **The** **deadline for application for the spring semester is February 21th.**

**Please disseminate this invitation to colleagues interested in participating in the seminars.**