



Jewish Life and Anti-Semitism in the Soviet Gulag

From the late 1930s to early 1950s, Jews in the Soviet Union were targeted for heightened measures of repression by Joseph Stalin. After imprisonment, they formed a distinct minority group in the Gulag that endured not only violence and hard labor, but antisemitic attitudes from both guards and fellow inmates. Amid these trials, Jewish inmates forged a mutually supportive ethno-religious community, leaning on Zionism, religious observance, and Jewish cultural traditions for spiritual support.

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