

**Prof. Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern, Northwestern University**  
**“Jews and Non-Jews in East-Central Europe: Between History and Memory”**

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While covering five well-known events in Jewish Ukrainian relations, Prof. Petrovsky-Shtern states that these events - however important they may be in Jewish history - are only a very small percentage of the hundreds of years of Jews and Ukrainians living side by side and that scholars are almost always pre-occupied with these events. In this manner, Petrovsky-Shtern looks at what happened between these key events and states that the history of Jewish-Ukrainians relations is often neglected. Thus, Petrovsky-Shtern argues that one mustn't be concerned only with ideology, politics and genocidal actions but also take into account history from below and ask simple questions. One of his examples shows how during the 1919 pogroms, these acts of violence against Jews were the result of eight different unorganized armies crossing the Ukraine in search for food and supplies from the local Jewish population. These and other examples were used to prove his argument that history should be viewed horizontally - locally, between people - and not only vertically and via ideology.