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EIGHT MONDAY EVENINGS, JAN. 6 - FEB. 24, 2020. 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Es iz shver tzu sein a yid? **Themes in Medieval Jewish Ashkenazic Life**

Two contradictory facts seem to reflect the Ashkenazic Jewish experience in the Middle Ages: (1) Christian persecution and (2) the learning of Rashi and the Tosafists, How could there be such a flourishing of Jewish culture during a period of such Jewish suffering? How difficult was it really to be a Jew in that place and in that time?

- **Jan. 6** **Sources; Demography; Economic Activity**
- **Jan. 13** **Legal and Political Status**
- **Jan. 20** **The Organized Jewish Community**
- **Jan. 27** **Religious and Cultural Phenomena**
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- **Feb. 10** **Christians' View of Jews and Vice Versa**
- **Feb. 17** **The Life of the Average Jew**
- **Feb. 24** **Changes in Christian Society and their Impact on the Jews**

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