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Not Just Rabbis: Rethinking Jewish Communal Leadership in Medieval Europe



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Archaeological discoveries and fresh readings of rabbinic texts are revolutionizing understandings of Jewish communal leadership in medieval Europe. Previously, this leadership was imagined as a scholarly religious elite that governed on the basis of Jewish law. Now, by contrast, it is increasingly recognized that laymen were key players in urban governance. Professor Effie Shoham-Steiner will share his research on these dynamics with a focus on the city of Cologne and the ways lay leadership shaped communal decision-making.

Tuesday, November 16th at 10:30

Miller Hall room 115 (14 College Ave.)

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