

**World Religions**  
**History of Jewish Life in Poland from the Middle Ages to the Present**

Middle Ages

What conditions in Europe made Poland attractive to Jews from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> centuries?

In what ways did Polish, Ukrainian, and Jewish communities cooperate? What conditions caused these relationships to deteriorate?

After WWI

What was the rationale for pogroms between WWI and WWII? How might this have contributed to the ease with which Poles accepted the internment of Jews in ghettos?

Where did the Jews put up fierce resistance to the Nazis?

The Holocaust took its worst toll in Poland. How many in Poland were murdered during the Holocaust? What did many Jews do after WWII when persecution continued?

Today

How large are the Jewish Communities in Poland today? How have these communities sustained themselves? What is the importance of the collection of Jewish treasures found in 2004?