

June 28, 2021, 8PM (Warsaw time)

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Di Yidishe landkentenish bavegung in Poyln tsvishn di beyde velt milkhomes

The lecture will deal with a fascinating aspect of interwar Polish_Jewish history: the landkentenish movement. Similar to the Polish Krajoznawstwo society, Landkentenish urged Jews to "know the land": ramble through the countryside, trek in the mountains, kayak down the Polish rivers, photograph local Jewish antiquities and write the histories of their towns and region. Alongside the desire for recreation and physical exercise, the deeper goal was to reaffirm, in the face of escalating assertions by many Poles that Jews were an alien element, the deep ties that bound Jews to the Polish lands that they had inhabited for centuries.