

# JEWISH STUDIES

## 2022 Larry Axel Memorial Lecture

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## RACISM IN MODERN RUSSIA: A SHORT HISTORY

White militarism has flourished in Russia under President Vladimir Putin's rule, making it one of the most dangerous places in the world for racial violence in the world. What factors have contributed to racism in modern Russia? Analyzing a wide range of printed and visual sources, this talk attempts to understand the history of racism over a span of 150 years, asking powerful questions about inequality and privilege, denigration and belonging, power and policy, and the complex historical links between race, whiteness, and geography.

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**6:30—9:30 P.M.**

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