

Yurevichi in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania

Jews first come to Yurevichi. probably during reign of John III Sobieski in the 1600s. However, the [The Encyclopedia of Jewish Life](#) states that "Jews are first mentioned" in late 1700s.

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Uninterrupted periods of war between 1648 to 1717. Jews wiped out of southern/eastern areas of Grand duchy.

1300s - 1400s

- Grand Duchy of Lithuania expands eastward and southward, incorporating area known as Belarus today. See [Grand Duchy of Lithuania in 1430](#)
- Grand Duchy of Lithuania were Orthodox
- Grand Duchy of Lithuania becomes a large state. Court life is on a grand scale¹⁾, requiring rulers to borrow against future income
 - Jews provided loans to rulers
 - To repay the loans, the Jewish lenders were allowed to collect income on behalf of the treasury. These income sources included leasing taverns (in remote locations), tax collection and customs duty collection
 - Success in collecting such income required agility, mobility and entrepreneurship²⁾, characteristics absent from landowners.
- Jewish migration to east (e.g. from Lithuania to Belarus). Jewish merchants involved in east-west trade.

1500s

1600s

- 1667: Truce of Andrusovo between Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and Muscovites/Cossacks. Christians and Jews began gradual return to Rechitsa.

1700s

Galicia: tax exemptions to people who settle on uncultivated land(???). same law forbids rabbis from wedding those without permanent earnings.

¹⁾ , ²⁾

See: [Essay on the History of the Lithuanian-Russian State](#)

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