The Cultural Significance of the Ghetto in Jewish History.

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Abstract
Surely one way of understanding the title of our distinguished conference, "From Ghetto to Emancipation: Historical and Contemporary Reconsiderations of the Jewish Community".

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to Emancipation," is the conventional way. One might assume deliberations should lead from an inherently bad condition, designated by the term "ghetto," to a good one, leading to a desirable state of freedom that of most standard accounts of the Jewish experience: Jews "ghettotized" existence were finally "emancipated" in the modern era, and despite the negative consequences of their liberation and integration with —virulent anti-Semitism and genocide—their emancipated state in comparison with the hermetically sealed and alienated existence was surely a boon in comparison with the hermetically sealed and alienated existence of their preliberated state. And indeed, for most modern Jews, the term "ghetto" is negative connotations. Such expressions as "the age of the ghetto," "ghetto Jew," "out of the ghetto," all imply a highly negative era when Jews were legally and socially restricted and when their narrow and pedestrian features, clearly the result of their sequestration. The term "ghetto" has now assumed an even more general designation for neighborhoods densely inhabited by members of minority groups, such as African-Americans or Native Americans, who are forced to live in miserable and deprived conditions as well as legal ones.

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