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100 Years of Jewish Life



...at the UW - Madison

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Jonathan Pollack, Ph.D., will discuss

- **Two interlocking trends** that have persisted for Jewish students, faculty and staff at Wisconsin's flagship university:
 1. a strong **sense of community** among Jews that spans several generations
 2. along with persistent **flare-ups of antisemitic actions.**
- How these opposite yet intertwined **aspects of Jewish life on campus have evolved over the last hundred years.**
- **Detail, links, quotations, interview at www.uproar21.us/recent/sep-2019**

Brief BIO:

- *Since... 1998, history instructor at Madison College*
- *2007, Honorary Fellow at the University of Wisconsin's Institute for Research in the Humanities*
- *2012, Honorary Fellow at the UW-Madison's Center for Jewish Studies*
- *Published articles in academic journals on the Jewish history of the Midwest*
- *Guest on Wisconsin Public Radio and other local media*
- *Recent book, "Wisconsin, The New Home of the Jew," is a history of the Jewish experience at the UW-Madison (see the above web page for a link).*

"A History of Hate on Campus" — Excerpts from Erica Gelman's *Daily Cardinal* interview with Jonathan, 1-22-2019:

"Madison paints itself as a bastion of tolerance and liberalism," according to Jonathan Pollack.... Bigoted statements, then, are often expressed covertly. For instance, Pollack asserts that antisemitic statements toward Jews are often expressed as a distaste for New Yorkers.

"What is really frustrating for Jewish students and for other groups who have been marginalized over the history of the UW-Madison is that at the same time... Madison has patted itself on the back on how tolerant it is," Pollack said.