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invite all interested to a public lecture

by *Prof. Shaul Stampfer*

## 'Playing with Numbers: Jewish Population Losses during the Khmelnytsky Uprising'



Determination of population loss in the past is always a difficult task. In the case of the Jews of Ukraine in the mid seventeenth century this is an extremely difficult task. We only have of the number of Jews who lived there in the early seventeenth century and thus measuring population loss during the Khmelnytsky Uprising requires using indirect methods of estimation. The written sources on population loss suggest numbers that are not realistic. An examination of the process of revival of Jewish communities as well as of the dynamics of life at the time lead one to the conclusion that more moderate estimates are called for.

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**The lecture will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 6 pm  
in the office of the NaUKMA Jewish Studies programs  
(Kyiv, Volos'ka Street 8/5, building 5, ground floor).**

**All guests are requested to be seated by 6 pm.**