

The Medieval Hostage as a Mirror: Critical Reassessment of Meir of Rothenburg's Imprisonment Through Modern Lenses

In his lecture, Alon Brand examines the myth of Meir of Rothenburg, the most famous Jewish hostage of the Middle Ages, celebrated for his refusal to be freed for a price he considered too high. Modern scholarship has approached this historical drama from a variety of angles, which, Alon Brand argues, show how scholars have viewed the story through their own ideologies and political approaches.



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