Since antiquity, Jewish men and women have been part of European societies. For their non-Jewish neighbors, they were “the intimate Other” – a minority always present yet never fully accepted. In this course, we will delve into Jewish living spheres from their well-documented existence from around the 10th century until modernity. We will try to reconstruct how Jewish men and women were able to live with constant marginalization, what strategies they developed in response to this process, and how integration and separation played out in their daily life. Primary sources examined in this course will include first-hand accounts from Jewish men and women throughout time, popular Jewish texts, Christian texts about Jews and Judaism, preserved sites and monuments, as well as images and objects that can speak to us in a diverse way about the Jewish experience and culture in Europe and beyond. Secondary literature will help us put this information into context and think about the relevance, authenticity, and authority of our findings. All texts will be studied using English translations. No knowledge of Hebrew or background in Jewish culture or history is required.