Jews And Port Cities, 1590-1990: Commerce, Community And Cosmopolitanism

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For Dubin, Jews were (and are) not simply Jews who lived in port cities. Rather, they were Jewish merchants valued for their engagement in the international maritime trade upon which such cities thrived, men whose path toward integration with their host societies was therefore unique. Here, Dubin reprises her thesis about modern Trieste that the kind of interaction that occurs in the port leads to significant Jewish acculturation and contributes to a non-denominational morality shared by productive, useful merchants (p. 51). Ability and a reluctant cosmopolitanism that was alien to both traditional and enlightened Jewish identities. Port Jews: Jewish Communities in Cosmopolitan Maritime Trading Centres, 1550–1950. London: Frank Cass, 2002. Cesarani, David and Romain, Gemma eds. Jews and Port Cities, 1590–1990: Commerce, Community and Cosmopolitanism. London: Vallentine Mitchell, 2006. Monaco, C. S. Port Jews or a People of the Diaspora? With studies of Jewish communities in port cities ranging from sixteenth century Livorno to modern Singapore, this book develops and extends the concept of the port Jew using a blend of conceptual innovation and original research. The first section explores the world of the Sephardi Jews, revealing patterns of mobility and networks that intertwined commerce, community and With studies of Jewish communities in port cities ranging from sixteenth century Livorno to modern Singapore, this book develops and extends the concept of the port Jew using a blend of conceptual innovation and original research.
The Port Jew concept was formulated by Lois Dubin and David Sorkin in the late 1990s as a social type that describes Jews who were involved in the seafaring and maritime economy of Europe, especially in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Helen Fry suggests that they could be considered to have been “the earliest modern Jews.”[1] The concept of the “Port Jew” has been suggested as an “alternate path to modernity” that was distinct from the European Haskalah. Jews and Port Cities 1590-1990: Commerce, Community and Cosmopolitanism. Edited by David Cesarani and Gemma Romain. Jews and Port Cities, 1590-1990: Commerce, Community, and Cosmopolitanism. Lookup NU author(s): Dr Gemma Romain. Downloads. Full text for this publication is not currently held within this repository. Alternative links are provided below where available. Publication metadata. Editor(s): Cesarani D, Romain G.