Hasidism: Space & Spirit

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Is it true that Hasidism dominated most of East European Jewry already by the end of the eighteenth century? What were the borders of Hasidic influence? When, how and why did they change? Which Hasidic dynasties were strongest and why? How strong is Hasidism today? These and other questions inform the lecture about the geography of this most important socio-religious movement in Judaism.

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