Revolutionary Jews: The Politicization of the Iranian Jewish Communities in the Twentieth Century

Tuesday, February 18, 2020
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Reception immediately followed by a talk with Lior Sternfeld, Assistant Professor of History and Jewish Studies, Penn State

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In March 1978 a revolutionary group won the elections for the leadership of the Jewish community in Iran. This newly elected leadership hoped to show the support of the community to the mass movement that led to the 1979 revolution, by forming alliances with leaders and active participation in revolutionary operations. From that moment, Jews participated in demonstrations in growing numbers and published newspapers and pamphlets aimed to recruit more members to this movement. This talk will analyze the social and political transformation Iranian Jews had undergone in the second half of the twentieth century and led to an increasing role Jews played in the political parties.