

# A Murder in Lemberg: Politics, Religion, and Violence in Modern Jewish History. Michael Stanislawski, Nathan J Miller Professor of Jewish History Michael Stanislawski.

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Galicia and its Jews, 1772-1848 -- Lemberg and its Jews, 1772-1848 -- A Reform rabbi in Eastern Europe -- Rabbi Abraham Kohn in Lemberg, 1843-1848 -- Revolution and murder -- Abraham Ber Pilpel, murderer? - - The indicted co-conspirators -- Magdalena Kohn v. the Austrian Empire. Notes. Inherent cut-off texts obscured text on back cover. Access-restricted-item. true. Addeddate. Stanislawski, professor of Jewish history at Columbia, uncovers a forgotten story as his fascinating book details the events surrounding the murder of the reformist (but not Reform) Rabbi Kohn and his four-year-old daughter (four other family members survived) after Pilpel sneaked into their kitchen and poured arsenic in the family's soup. "A Murder in Lemberg is a comparatively short tome, yet, for the most part, it packs a powerful punch. And it is a testament to Stanislawski's skill that what might initially appear to be a parochial, if somewhat shocking, event, relevant only to its own time and place, is rendered of broader and potent meaning. . . . Book Description: How could a Jew kill a Jew for religious and political reasons? Many people asked this question after an Orthodox Jew assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Itshak Rabin in 1995. Based on records unavailable for decades, A Murder in Lemberg is the first book about this fascinating case. On September 6, 1848, Abraham Ber Pilpel entered the kitchen of Rabbi Abraham Kohn and his family and poured arsenic in the soup that was being prepared for their dinner. Within hours, the rabbi and his infant daughter were dead. In an excellent recent history of Lwów/Lemberg, a prominent local historian wrote that what distinguished his city throughout the centuries was the starkly multiethnic character of its population.