

# Tradesmen, Cattle Dealers, and Chemists

*Chenango County's Jewish Community from 1914-2025*

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*Presentation by Dr. Edward Erickson*



In 1970s the Jewish community of Norwich, New York was a large, vibrant, and a powerful force in the city and county, with over sixty large families. In 2026, only a dozen small families and individuals remain.

There were three waves of Jewish families to Chenango County, the earliest was

1900-1930 and were Eastern European Jewish tradesmen; the second was 1937-1941 of southern German farmers and cattle dealers; the third wave was 1945-1975, and comprised Jewish manufacturers and educated professionals, who were mostly native-born. The loss of manufacturing and the decline of dairy farming, between 1970-2009, tore the heart out of Norwich's Jewish community.

Join historian Ed Erickson as he describes the story of a once influential community. A short Q & A will follow the presentation.



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