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Landsmanshaftn of Polish Jews in the United States in the First Half of the 20th Century on the Example of Organizations Founded by Jewish Immigrants from Plock.

The main aim of present research was to show the phenomenon of landsmanshaftn of Polish Jews founded in the United States in the first half of the 20th century. This intention was implemented through the microanalysis of two Jewish ethnic organizations established in New York by Jewish immigrants from the city of Plock (Poland). These organizations are: Henry Clay Lodge # 15 (I.O.B.A) and Plotzker Young Men's Independent Association. In this context, particular attention was paid to the research on continuity and cultural change in the condition of migration (including the language change), process of immigrants' identity and memory transformation, relations with new social and cultural environment, as well as the links with the "old world" (especially the place of birth). The research was based on theoretical assumptions, such as: invention of tradition, invented ethnicity, ethnic institutional completeness, identity changes in the condition of migration, transnationalism, historical and cultural memory and post-memory.

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