

Date: 1881

- assassination of Czar Alexander II in Russia
- series of violent pogroms - anti-Jewish riots - in E. Europe
- catalyst for dramatic emigration of E. European Jews to the West/USA
- new trends/dramatic turnarounds in modern Jewish history, but really started in previous decade. 1881 not really historically important.

[Modern]

Anti-semitism in Central & Western Europe

"anti-semitism" - linguistic term - Tribe of Shem PP. (all Jews supposedly ancestors)
- designates hatred of Jews (goes back before term)

What distinguishes anti-s from traditional hostility toward Jews?

- > semitic/semite languages - preserves Jews as national linguistic identity ~ ^{as opposed to traditional} → religion (hatred)
- oriented towards definitions of nations and races, not talking about religion itself.

- study humanity on the basis of national organization / distinct separations - cultural anthology, anthropology

^{religious analysis}
- often adapted to fit into national/racial understanding (Stalker)

Modern anti-semitism - nationality, anthropology, and race.

> Race - what is race?

- ↳ absurd ~~idea~~ - category imposed in 19th century - modern idea
- ~~presumes in~~ Judeo-Christian presumes all men come from same source (Adam)
- racial way of looking at it - presumes separate creations/evolutions may have occurred. Condemns people genetically in terms of breeding/stock/tribal origins. Scientific way of looking at the world. Darwinian ideas.

@ race was a pervasive concept by end of 19th c. - banished scientific reality

- (a) accepted in scientific community until after World War II
- (b) linkage of physical/biological characteristics to biological characteristics.

