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More so than many American religious groups, Jews cast their lot with American cities. Jews saw in urban space opportunities to both preserve traditions and devise new patterns of living. As Jews transformed segments of the urban grid into recognizable Jewish places, putting a distinctive stamp on city streets, commerce, and culture, urbanism emerged as one of American Judaism's distinctive features. This talk explores the urban origins of American Judaism, visible today in a commitment to pluralism associated with city living.

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