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Date of birth: 03/03/1877 | **Date of death:** 12/26/1942

Occupation or position: Historian

Community: [Lviv](#)

Meir Balaban was one of the most outstanding historians of Polish and Galician Jews, and the founder of Polish Jewish historiography. Balaban was born in 1877 in the city of Lviv. He received a traditional education at home and traditional Jewish schooling (Hebrew language and Bible study) in a *cheder*.

Among his works the most important ones are:

Jews of Lvov (Lemberg) on the eve of 17th century (1916);

History of Jews of Cracow (2 vols, 1931)

Jewry of Lublin (1919).

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