

## **Ahasverus, the Wandering Jew: An Early Modern Story**

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Ahasverus, the Wandering Jew, is the name of a legendary figure who was cursed to eternally wander the earth for deriding Christ on the way to the crucifixion. Scholars consider it to be one of the most important expressions of the history of the Jewish people in European culture. This talk will discuss the anonymous German Volksbuch that first popularized the legend in 1602, shedding light on the publication practices and confessional circumstances that helped spread the legend of the Wandering Jew.