



## “No other ecclesiastical figure

of equal rank in the whole of Europe  
displayed such sorrow for the fate of the Jews  
and acted so boldly on their behalf  
[as did Archbishop Sheptytsky].”

– Eric Goldhagen, Lecturer in Jewish Studies, Harvard University,  
in the Introduction to David Kahane, *Lvov Ghetto Diary*, 1990

“As early as 1901, Sheptytsky was addressing Jewish groups in Hebrew, an activity that prompted some circles to accuse him of ‘Judaizing.’

[In the town of Berezhany] Sheptytsky was officially greeted by rabbis carrying the Torah scrolls, an honour usually reserved for such high state dignitaries as the [Austro-Hungarian] emperor, and virtually unheard of for leaders of other faiths.

Within the Jewish community of Western Ukraine, the Metropolitan’s prestige grew by leaps and bounds. On the occasion of his seventieth birthday [in 1935] the Jewish community of Lviv praised him as ‘a true example of culture and the highest ethical principles, who has always shown the same attitudes of understanding and justice to (the people of) Israel (as to other nationalities).’”

Henry Abramson, “Metropolitan  
Sheptyts’kyi’s Hebrew  
Correspondence, 1903,”  
*Harvard Ukrainian  
Studies* 15 (1991):  
172-73.