

3: Text excerpt, Glenn Dynner's "Yankel's Tavern: Jews, Liquor, and Life in the Kingdom of Poland," 2013.

As any traveler through partitioned Poland knew, a tavern was more than a tavern. It often constituted a bar, distillery, country store, hotel, stable, post office, and bank wrapped into one. [...] It was frequently the sole entertainment venue within miles and the only place that one could take care of problems incurred on the roads [...] The tavern was also a place where prostitutes plied their trade, soldiers celebrated their freedom from society's strictures, and smugglers and thieves planned their expeditions and stashed their contraband.