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*Novel opportunities, perpetual barriers: the integration of the Jewish Dutch elite, 1870-1940*

This paper explores how Jewish members of the Dutch cultural, financial, and political elites seized novel opportunities and dealt with challenges with regard to integration in the period between 1870 and 1940. To this end, the lives of more than seven hundred Jews whose personal histories were documented in the Dutch Biography Portal are studied. These people held or during their lives acquired a distinguished or influential status in society, whether it be within the Jewish communities, in Dutch society at large, or in both. By looking at their occupational domains, educational levels and fields of study, places of residence in the Netherlands and elsewhere, religious affiliations, (inter)marriages and participation in associations, their patterns of integration into wider Dutch society are analysed in a fresh and comprehensive way.

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