Rabbi Leon Thorne was born in Eastern Galicia and was ordained as a rabbi at age nineteen. He received his Ph.D. from University of Wuerzberg. He became a chaplain in the Polish army in 1944. His extraordinary history/memoir, written in part while in hiding in a small underground bunker below a Polish peasant’s pigsty, recounts his harrowing experience during the Holocaust. Emanuel Thorne, Rabbi Thorne’s son, will discuss his father’s life and legacy.

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