

The Holocaust and Israel

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Course Description

This course will explore the impact of the Holocaust on Israeli society and its leadership from the end of World War II and the formative years of the State of Israel until recently. It will examine how the memory of the Holocaust became a central component in Israeli national identity. The following issues, among others, will be discussed: the encounter between Israelis and survivors of the Holocaust, the public debate over questions of resistance and collaboration; commemoration and museums; the "Kasztner Trial" and the "Eichmann Trial"; relations with Germany; the impact of the Arab-Israeli conflict on Holocaust awareness; and youth trips to Poland.

Course Topics and Reading Assignments

Introduction

The Israeli Society and the Holocaust – Questions for Discussion

The Holocaust – Main Events

The Jewish Yeshuv in Palestine and the Holocaust

Dan Horowitz and Moshe Lissak, *Origins of Israeli Polity*, Chicago/London, 1978, pp. 16-36, 120-159.

Roni Stauber, , *The Holocaust in Israeli Public Debate*, Vallentine Mitchell, London/Portland, OR, 2007, pp. 1-16.

First Encounters between Holocaust Survivors and the "Yeshuv" 1945-1948

Hanna Yablonka, *Survivors of the Holocaust* , NY, 1999, pp. 43-62

Holocaust Survivors during the War of Independence

Emmanuel Sivan, "The Life of the Dead: Sabras and Immigrants," in: *War and Remembrance in the Twentieth Century* (ed. Jay Winter and Emmanuel Sivan), Cambridge, 1999, pp. 164-177.

Commemoration of the Holocaust in the 1950s

Charles S. Liebman and Eliezer Don Yehiya, *Civil Religion in Israel*, Berkeley, CA, 1983, pp. 81-122.

State, Party and Personal Comemoration

Mooli Brog, "Victims and Victors: Holocaust and Military", *Israel and the Holocaust*, pp. 65-99

Stauber, *Public Debate*, Chapters 8, 9, 10

Debates in Israel over Resistance and Cooperation during the Holocaust

Isaiah Trunk, *Judenrat*, NY, 1972, pp. 548-569

Stauber, *Public Debate*, pp. 78-96

Memory and Realpolitik - Israel and Germany

Tom Segev, *The Seventh Million: The Israelis and the Holocaust*, N.Y, 1993, pp. 189-252

Roni Stauber, "Between Real Politik and the Burden of the Past, Israel's Diplomats and the 'Other Germany'," *Israel and the Holocaust*, pp. 100-123

The Eichmann Trial

Yablonka, *The State of Israel vs. Adolf Eichmann*, Chapters 2, 10, 11

The Impact of the 1967 and 1973 Wars on Holocaust Awareness

Liebman and Don Yehiya, *Civil Religion in Israel*, pp. 123-166

The Israeli Education System and the Holocaust

Yair Auron, *The Pain of Knowledge: Holocaust and Genocide Issues in Education*, Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick, 2005, pp. 31-40

The Ultra-Orthodox and the Holocaust

Ruth Ebenstein, "Remembered Through Rejection: Yom Hashoah in the Ashkenazi Haredi Daily Press 1959-2000"; in *Israel and the Holocaust*, pp. 141-167

The Palestinians and the Holocaust

Meir Litvak and Esther Webman, "Perceptions of the Holocaust in Palestinian Public Discourse", *Israel and the Holocaust*, pp. 123-140

The Impact of the Holocaust on Israeli Society – Current Debates

Yosef Gorny, *Between Auschwitz and Jerusalem*, 2003, pp. 125-163