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

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

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 Commemoration
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

The Ultra-Orthodox and the Holocaust
Ruth Ebenstein, "Remembered Through Rejection: Yom Hashoah in the Ashkenazi Haredi Daily Press 1959-200”; in Israel and the Holocaust, pp. 141-167

The Palestinians and the Holocaust

The Impact of the Holocaust on Israeli Society – Current Debates
Yosef Gorny, Between Auschwitz and Jerusalem, 2003, pp. 125-163