

STUDENT MANUAL
FOR A UNIVERSITY COURSE ON
THE HOLOCAUST
PART TWO: UNITS 8 - 12



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UNIT 8A

THE FULL RANGE OF JEWISH RESISTANCE



Monument at Yad Vashem

"To Live and Die with Dignity"

<p>UNIT 8A LECTURE TOPICS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>JEWISH</i>  <i>RESISTANCE!</i></p>
<p>TEXTBOOK READINGS REQUIRED</p>	<p>Rausch, Ch. 14 Meltzer, Ch. 14 through 17</p>
<p>RECOMMENDED READINGS</p>	<p><i>Resistance: Spiritual Resistance, Revolt, Partisans, Uprisings</i> Yad Vashem, 2004 Nora Levin’s <i>The Holocaust</i>. Read Chapters 17 & 18 Leni Yahil’s <i>The Holocaust</i>. Read Chapter 17 (Written by Israel Gutman)</p>
<p>PRIME LEARNING OBJECTIVES</p>	<p>Recognize <i>many</i> different types and ways of resistance Critique the “Sheep to the Slaughter” image (Challenge the allegations of Jewish passivity and acquiescence)</p>
<p>FILMS RECOMMENDED</p>	<p>“As Seen Through These Eyes” Menemsha, 2007 “The Bielski Brothers: Jerusalem in the Woods” (cf with feature film <i>Defiance</i>) “Blessed is the Match” (A moving documentary on Hanna Senesh) “Flames in the Ashes” Ergo Media, 1986 “Forests of Valor” Israel Educational Television “Hanna’s War” (A feature film about Hanna Senesh) “Resistance: Untold Stories of Jewish Partisans” PBS, 2002 “Unlikely Heroes” Wiesenthal Center</p>
<p>PROJECT IDEAS</p>	<p>Compose a dialogue: An argument between two brothers in a ghetto. Their dilemma: Whether to leave their parents and try to join up with partisans (What harsh realities must they consider? Why is it a moral dilemma?)</p>
<p>STUDY AIDS</p>	<p>☰ List of Reasons: ‘Why Organized Resistance was Impossible’ (Students formulate this list during the lecture – discussion) Maps: Uprisings</p>
<p><i>This Section of the Shoah Student Manual is Dedicated To:</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hanna Senesh</i> <i>Consumed in Kindling Flame</i></p>

THIS SESSION IS DEDICATED TO
A POET, PARATROOPER, AND PARTISAN



HANNA SENESH
1921 - 1944

*Blessed is the match
Consumed in kindling flame
Blessed is the flame
that burns in the secret fastness of the heart
Blessed is the heart
with strength to stop its beating for honors' sake
Blessed is the match
Consumed in kindling flame.*



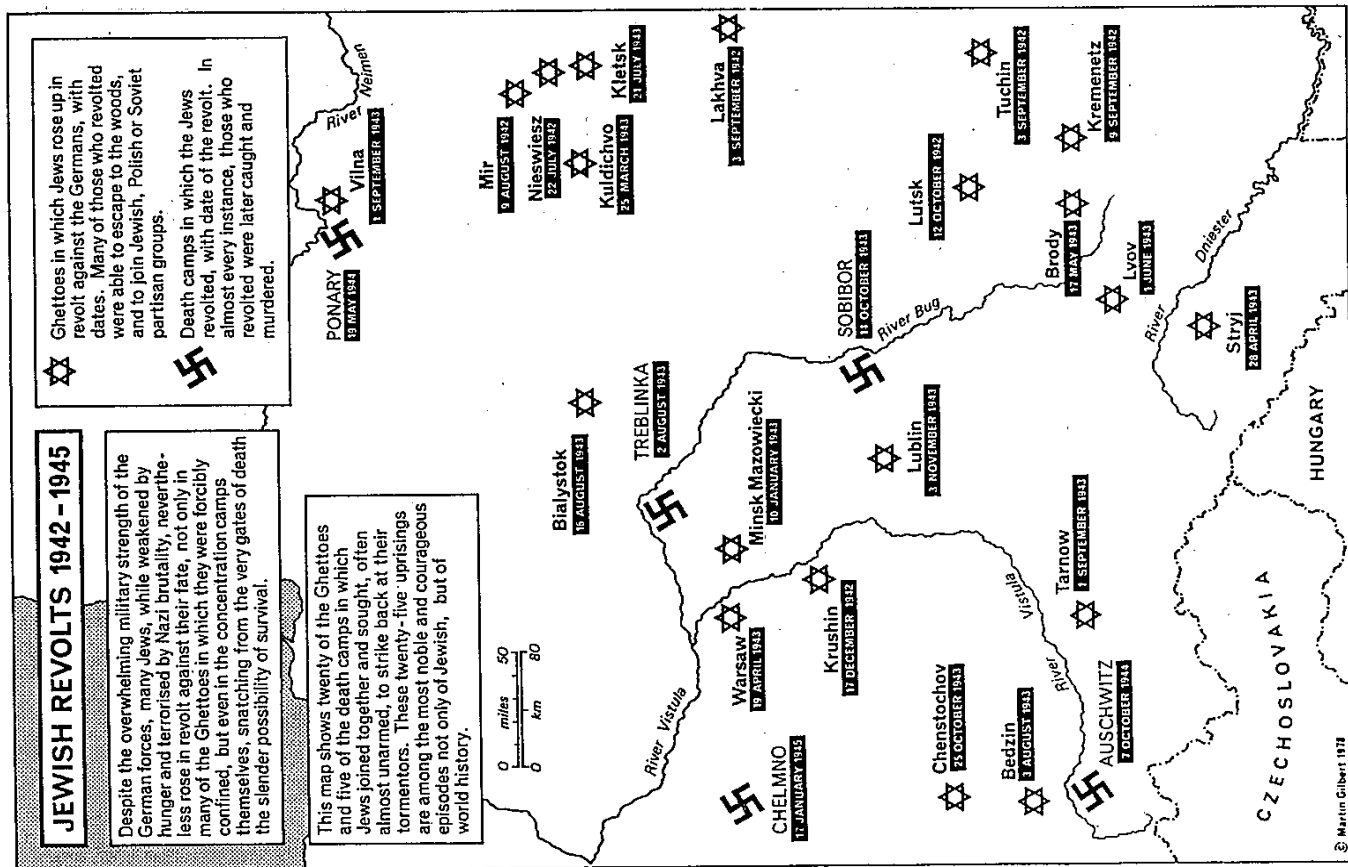
JEWISH REVOLTS 1942 - 1945

Despite the overwhelming military strength of the German forces, many Jews, while weakened by hunger and terrorised by Nazi brutality, never the less rose in revolt against their fate, not only in many of the Ghettos in which they were forcibly confined, but even in the concentration camps themselves, snatching from the very gates of death the slender possibility of survival.

This map shows twenty of the Ghettos and five of the death camps in which Jews joined together and sought, often almost unarmed, to strike back at their tormentors. These twenty-five uprisings are among the most noble and courageous episodes not only of Jewish, but of world history.

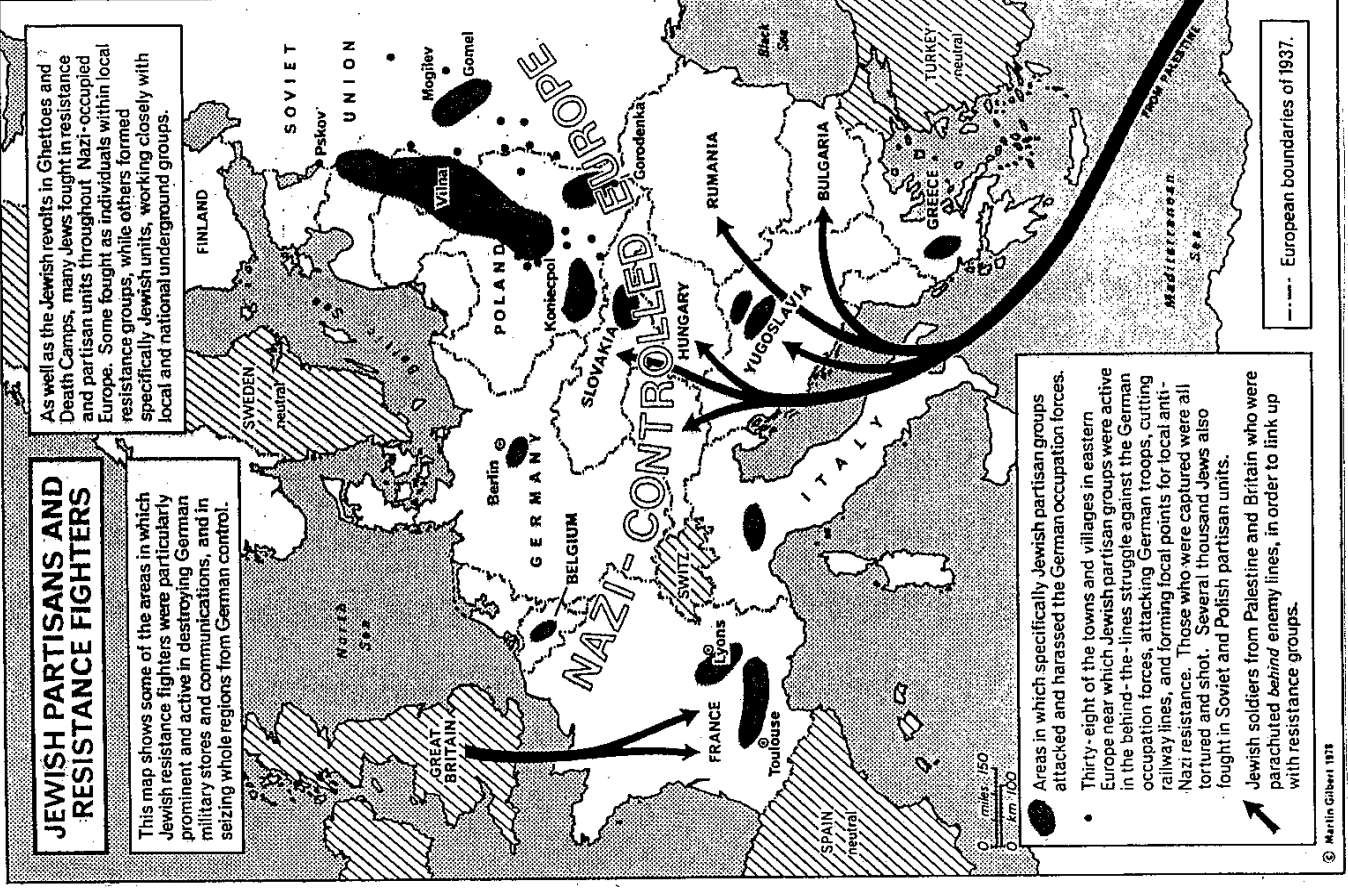
Ghettos in which Jews rose up in revolt against the Germans, with dates. Many of those who revolted were able to escape to the woods, and to join Jewish, Polish or Soviet partisan groups.

Death camps in which the Jews revolted, with date of the revolt. In almost every instance, those who revolted were later caught and murdered.



JEWISH PARTISANS AND RESISTANCE FIGHTERS

This map shows some of the areas in which Jewish resistance fighters were particularly prominent and active in destroying German military stores and communications, and in seizing whole regions from German control.



As well as the Jewish revolts in Ghettos and Death Camps, many Jews fought in resistance and partisan units throughout Nazi-occupied Europe. Some fought as individuals within local resistance groups, while others formed specifically Jewish units, working closely with local and national underground groups.

Areas in which specifically Jewish partisan groups attacked and harassed the German occupation forces.

- Thirty-eight of the towns and villages in eastern Europe near which Jewish partisan groups were active in the behind-the-lines struggle against the German occupation forces, attacking German troops, cutting railway lines, and forming local points for local anti-Nazi resistance. Those who were captured were all tortured and shot. Several thousand Jews also fought in Soviet and Polish partisan units.

Jewish soldiers from Palestine and Britain who were parachuted behind enemy lines, in order to link up with resistance groups.

FOR OUR UNIT 8 A DISCUSSION, PICTURE THREE DISTINCT IMAGES:

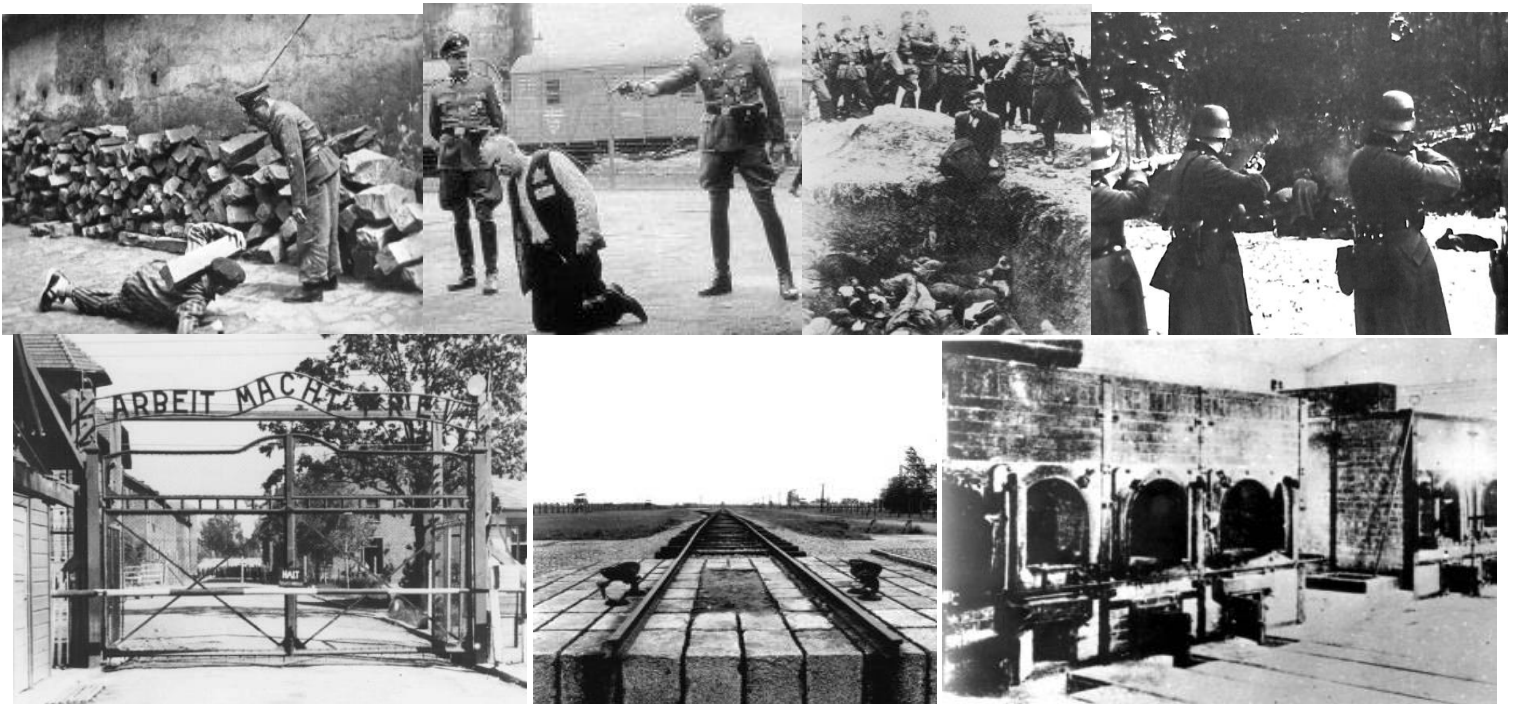
1. **DRAMATIC REVOLTS!** Armed Resistance; Uprisings in the Ghettos and Camps; Daring Rescues; Amazing Escapes; Partisans hiding in the Forests; Smuggling Goods and Info; Sabotage; *DEFIANCE!!*



2. **“SHEEP TO THE SLAUGHTER”** Cowardly, Compliant Victims; Acquiescing in their own Deaths! Obeying Nazi orders; Digging their own pit-graves; Lining up for Deportation; Craven *PASSIVITY!!*



3. **MASSIVE MACHINERY OF MURDER:** Powerful Nazi Empire – A Brutal Apparatus committed to the ‘Practical Implementation of the Final Solution’ – The **Total Annihilation** of the Jewish People!




UNIT 8B

THE RIGHTEOUS AMONG THE NATIONS



*The Avenue of the Righteous Surrounds Yad Vashem
On the Mount of Remembrance - Jerusalem, Israel*

<p>UNIT 8 B LECTURE TOPIC</p>	<p><i>The Righteous Among the Nations</i> </p>
<p>TEXTBOOK READINGS REQUIRED</p>	<p>Rausch, Ch. 13 and 15</p>
<p>RECOMMENDED READINGS</p>	<p>Mordecai Paldiel – <i>The Path of the Righteous</i> and <i>Saving the Jews</i> David P. Gushee – <i>Righteous Gentiles of the Holocaust</i> Philip Hallie – <i>Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed: The Village of Le Chambon</i> Milton Meltzer – <i>Rescue</i></p>
<p>PRIME LEARNING OBJECTIVES</p>	<p>Identify the most crucial questions regarding the ‘righteous ones’ Analyze the character, motivation, and radical altruism of the rescuers</p>
<p>FILM SHOWN</p>	<p>COURAGE TO CARE</p>
<p>FILMS RECOMMENDED</p>	<p>“Act of Faith” “Heroes of the Holocaust: Tales of Resistance and Survival” “Hidden Heroes” “The Hiding Place” – <i>About Corrie Ten Boom</i> “No. 4 Street of Our lady” “Raoul Wallenberg: Between the Lines” “The Restless Conscience” “They Risked Their Lives”</p>
<p>PROJECT IDEAS</p>	<p>Do research on <i>Raoul Wallenberg</i> Watch a documentary on Oskar Schindler - Compare it to Hollywood version</p>
<p>STUDY AIDS</p>	<p>Utilize all resources to add articles to this unit</p>
<p><i>This Section of the Shoah Student Manual is Dedicated To:</i></p>	<p><i>To Corrie And the Ten Boom Family</i></p>



THE FILM FOR THIS SESSION

COURAGE TO CARE ADL, 1986

In this short but poignant film, you'll hear five stories of rescue; two told by ones who were helped, and three told by some remarkable people who have been honored as Righteous Gentiles.

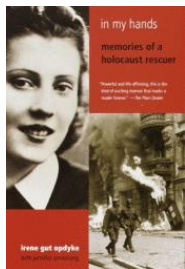
During the German occupation of Holland, the Nazis murdered 120,000 of the 140,000 Dutch Jews.

Marion Pritchard was a student of social work at the time. Sometimes on her own and at times in connection with the anti-Nazi underground, Marion risked her life and protected the lives of 150 Jews! She gives a lot of credit to the incredibly courageous Jewish Resistance, and even to the 'silent helpers' such as a milkman who simply delivered extra milk, knowing that Marion was hiding children. The infant she mentions in the film, whom she protected for three years, is Erika Polak. Erika survived and has 'made Aliyah' to Israel. They have always kept in touch.



During the German rape of Poland, the Nazis murdered 3,000,000 of the 3,500,000 Polish Jews.

Irene Gut Opdyke, a mere 4'11" tall, is statuesque in heroism and valor. A Catholic Christian, she is personally responsible for saving the lives of dozens of Jewish people, many of whom made Aliyah. Irene was well aware of the risk she was taking and of the sadistic brutalities of the 'conquerors.' She once witnessed a Nazi soldier tossing a Jewish infant into the air and shooting it like a clay pigeon. What she does not tell you in this short film is that Major Eduard Rugemer, the seventy year old Nazi for whom she kept house, forced her to become his mistress in exchange for her life and the lives of her Jewish friends. She never told them this. She did, however, 'confess the sexual sin' to her priest. The 'man of God' refused her absolution and advised her to turn the Jews in, for her mortal soul was not worth their lives.



May I say - this clergyman knew nothing at all about true sanctity and **righteousness. But Irene did!**

After the war, Irene ended up in a Russian DP camp. She was assisted by some of the Jews she had saved, to flee to West Germany. She was interviewed by an American U.N. worker. Three years later she met him again in New York and they married. Irene never spoke about her courageous past. That is, until she heard Neo-Nazis denying the Holocaust! I had the pleasure to meet this dear lady on Yom ha Shoah in 1993. She died in 2003 at the age of 85.

"This is my will: to do right, to tell you, and to remember. Go with God."

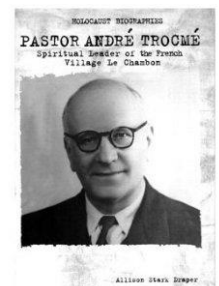
From her memoir *In My Hands*

During the German occupation and collaboration in France, the Nazis murdered 90,000 of the 350,000 French Jews.

Protestant **Pastor Andre Trocmé** was the spiritual leader of Le Chambon. The righteous actions that he inspired spread to nearby villages. Bible Study and Youth Groups organized relief efforts. Even some policemen were touched by the goodness and offered help in secret. In the film you will see Nellie and Magda, the daughter and widow of Pastor Trocmé.

For more about the 'goodness that happened' in and around Le Chambon, you may want to read Philip Hallie's book or watch *Weapons of the Spirit* – a film by Pierre Sauvage.

Be sure you read the article by Mr. Sauvage, for it eloquently testifies to what this unit seeks to learn about **True Righteousness!**

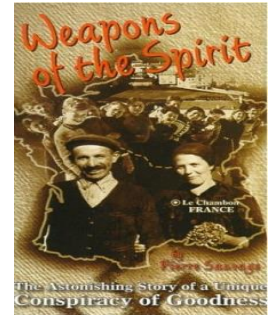




With Marie Brottes and Henri Heritier of Le Chambon in 1990

Mr. Pierre Sauvage - documentarian producer of the award-winning film:
Weapons of the Spirit

The true story of the small French village of Le Chambon and how its brave inhabitants **'never turned a Jewish refugee away'** during the terrible Nazi onslaught. The story is personal to Mr. Sauvage. He was there as a child.



Below is a review he wrote on quite another kind of movie, Martin Scorsese's 'art-film,' which certainly was a **blasphemous** outrage to Christian sensibilities. Sauvage's comments as a Jewish viewer point out an even deeper outrage! His comments are particularly prophetic considering our discussion of what motivated the **'RADICAL ALTRUISM' OF THE RESCUERS... AND WHAT TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS IS.** Please read:

Jesus as Goy The Last Temptation of Christ — One Jewish View

There was no picket line to cross, but my fellow moviegoers and I no doubt shared a mild feeling of defiance as we filed in to see *The Last Temptation of Christ* at its second screening in Los Angeles. Protesters held up signs, sang gospel songs, occasionally sought to win us over in bursts of conversation. At the head of the line, a friendly young proselytizer extended his hand in greeting over the rope, asked my name, and pointed out that there were 'better ways to Jesus' than this movie.

They didn't know that much of my family was murdered by the sons of Christians while other Christians had looked on. It hadn't even mattered that **Jesus too, a fellow Jew**, would have been gassed in Auschwitz along with my grandmother.

Today, yet again, we were being accused of going after Him—of having made Him a 'wimp.' And yet, despite the alarming stench of antisemitism — and the essential wrong-headedness of the campaign against the film — I was not wholly unsympathetic to the protesters.

There are understandable reasons why *Last Temptation*, has become the last straw for some Christians. There is no denying that for many years now, American cinema has largely disregarded the values and lifestyle of large numbers of religiously involved Americans. Adding insult to injury, the industry continues to serve up increasingly brazen dollops of amorality in the guise of entertainment.

So as the lights dimmed and the walkie-talkie-armed ushers up front faded into the sidelines, the questions swirling around in my head were not only "Is this a good movie?" and "Is it really offensive for Christians?"

There was also that seemingly ageless lament: "Is it good for the Jews?"

What unfolded at some length was a coherently eccentric vision, designed with as much dedication and skill as medieval artists must have applied to those ethereal religious portraits that seem so remote to us.

This is fiercely committed, sincere filmmaking. The movie commands respect with its power and beauty even as you begin to recognize what you are seeing—Jesus as Great Neurotic: not so much a wimp as a Hamlet, wracked with fear and doubt, and incessantly questioning himself about his own identity, conduct and appointed role.

The Jesus of *Last Temptation*, torn by the struggle between the human and the divine, between the flesh and the spirit, was what I had half-expected: a modernist, me-generation portrait of a Savior you can "relate" to.

What I had not been prepared for, however, was my growing discomfort at the film's casual falsification of one key aspect of Jesus' life. This fearless contemporary film turns out to be yet another old-fashioned, conventionally expurgated depiction of: **Jesus as goy!** [Goy means Gentile, non-Jewish]

To be sure, he is called *rabbi* a half-dozen times, and once fleetingly derogated as a "Jewish politician."

But in the context of what we see of him and his world, the references make no sense, any more than the incongruous close-up of the menorah at that last Passover Seder. Jesus is portrayed as unconnected to his Jewish mother, drawing no sustenance from his Jewish environment, cut off from his Jewish cultural and spiritual roots.

This is no minor matter for Jews, or indeed, for increasing numbers of Christians. Over many centuries, the de-Judaizing of Jesus has allowed for the most violent and heinous of distinctions to be made between Jesus and his people. It has also robbed Christians of fundamental insights into their faith.

As it happens, that de-Judaizing underlies the very core of the movie at its most controversial and fanciful: the anachronistic attribution of Christianity-induced inner conflicts to Christ himself. Whatever his reasons for remaining a bachelor, Jesus would not have experienced any such agonizing conflict between spirit and flesh.

That conflict (the essence of the 1955 Nikos Kazantzakis novel on which the film is based) takes on its most perplexing dimension only as one realizes that the film has no intention of providing anything else to think about: No moral enlightenment, no convincing illustration of religious teaching or leadership, indeed... No sense of worship or the power of spiritual beliefs!

Righteousness, *Last Temptation* ultimately seems to say, lies merely in the experiencing of 'inner struggle'!

Not in the joyous accomplishment of God's will.

And that flies in the face of what I have come to know from some of Christ's disciples, Christians who remained true to themselves and their beliefs at a time when Christian apostasy was running rampant in Nazi-occupied Europe. I'm alive today because even then there were such true-life Christians. I've come to know them because I've just spent five years making a film about them — a Jewish film in praise of the Christian people who welcomed me into the world.

For it happens that I was born and sheltered in a mostly Protestant community in the mountains of France: There, in and around the village of Le Chambon, some 5,000 Christians defied the Nazis and their French accomplices, taking in my parents and me and some 5,000 other Jews.

I learned that there had been no great 'inner struggle'. No agonized sleepless nights. No momentous debate over the Big Decision. You just did what you had to do. As if nothing else was possible. Without looking upon it as any big deal. Le Chambon happened, as one Jewish refugee put it, because these Christians were "the most solid people on earth"— rooted in their families, rooted in their heritage, rooted in their land, **rooted**, yes, even in the Jewish roots of their faith.

"God is not an Israelite," Jesus shouts to the Jewish high priests, in one of the film's most disturbing contributions to artistic exegesis of the New Testament.

I thought of the very different words of Pastor Andre Trocmé, the spiritual leader of Le Chambon during the war:

"Let us never forget that the God of Jesus Christ was the God of Israel.

The Christian faith dissolves into mythology as soon as it no longer leans upon Judaism.

Nothing can be lost, and so much can be restored, by RE-JUDAIZING CHRISTIANITY."

"By their fruits ye shall know them," said **Jesus** himself, according to scripture.

If **He** had anything to do with inspiring the actions of the good Christians of Le Chambon and others like them, He could **not** have been the 'tortured, **rootless** soul' of *The Last Temptation of Christ*.

UNIT 9 A



“I could not begin to describe what I saw that day. But I did see it.
I got so sick. And I aged ten years.
I will never be able to forget it.”

<p>UNIT 9A LECTURE TOPIC</p>	<p>Liberation <i>of the Camps</i></p>
<p>TEXTBOOK READINGS REQUIRED</p>	<p>Catch up on <u>ALL</u> Required Readings Review Chapters 11 – 13 in <i>both</i> Rausch and Meltzer Review Chapter 4 in McDonough Be sure to have finished reading <i>Night</i> before the next session</p>
<p>RECOMMENDED READINGS</p>	<p><i>I Never Saw My Face</i> by Samuel Goetz, 2001 <i>Liberation: Teens in the Camps and Teen Soldiers Who Liberated Them</i> Rosen, 1998</p>
<p>PRIME LEARNING OBJECTIVES</p>	<p>Discuss the chaos of the last year of war Hear testimony from Allied personnel who liberated camps</p>
<p>FILM SHOWN</p>	<p>NIGHTMARE’S END</p>
<p>FILMS RECOMMENDED</p>	<p>“Bearing Witness: American Soldiers and the Holocaust” 2001 “Holocaust: Liberation of Auschwitz” Encyclopedia Britannica, 1990 “Memory of the Camps” Frontline, 1984 “Nazi Concentration Camps: Witness to Genocide” (Official Record) “Opening the Gates of Hell” Ergo Media, 1992 “Reunion: Liberation and D. P.s” U.S. Information Service, 1946 “<i>You Are Free</i>” Direct Cinema Education, 1983</p>
<p>PROJECT IDEAS</p>	<p>Create a Teaching Unit – Gather data, photographs, <i>etc.</i> If possible, find veterans who were ‘liberators’ and interview them Evaluate eyewitness accounts and memoirs as crucial testimony</p>
<p>STUDY AIDS</p>	<p>“Liberation of the Camps” “Memory of the Camps: Universalizing the Victims”</p>
<p><i>This Section of the Shoah Student Manual is Dedicated To:</i></p>	<p><i>Mr. Kurt Klein of Blessed Memory</i></p>



THE FILM FOR THIS SESSION

NIGHTMARE'S END

Discovery Channel – No Longer Available

The men and women interviewed in this film have never forgotten what they witnessed, experienced, saw and smelled. You will hear the anguish and the anger in their voices. One gentleman, describing an image that still haunts him, makes a statement that in one shattering sentence expresses the uniqueness of the Shoah. Please listen carefully. This film is a documentary. It combines interviews with some footage from the camps. Other films are not 'documentaries' but *documents*. If Nightmare's End is not available for us, we will have to watch something much harder to view. Please take time to read the information about the 'document' entitled: **Memory of the Camps**.



LIBERATION OF THE CAMPS

October 4th, 1943, Heinrich Himmler gave a long rambling speech to a group of SS Lieutenant-Generals. In it he said:
“I want to refer to a serious matter before you here...in complete frankness. Among ourselves, this once, it shall be uttered quite frankly, but in public we will never speak of it.

I am referring to the evacuation of the Jews ... ***the annihilation of the Jewish people.***

This is one of those things that are easily said: ‘The Jewish people will be annihilated’, says every party member.

‘Sure, it’s in our program, elimination of the Jews, annihilation – we’ll take care of it.’”

Here I must say – that we shall be able to see after the war what a blessing it was for Germany – in spite of all the silly talk about humanitarianism – that we imprisoned all these criminal sub-humans in concentration camps. I’ll answer for that!”

Then he complains about Germans who want to spare their “decent Jew”! And he says:

THOSE Germans haven’t seen what we’ve been through... So he continues:

“Most of you must know what it means to see a hundred corpses lie side by side, or five hundred, or a thousand.

To have stuck this out and – excepting cases of human weakness – to have maintained our integrity, this is what has made us tough. ***In our history, this is an unwritten and never-to-be-written page of glory.***”

The battle-toughened Allied soldiers who liberated the concentration camps, did find corpses side by side, stacked up by the thousands...some bodies marked for vivisection, others disemboweled, others with their eyes still blinking...and every one of them bearing the marks of unspeakable suffering.

The liberators who opened the gates of hell did not see ‘a never-to-be-written page of glory.’

No. They saw a ‘**must-be-recorded**’ page of inhumanity.

Their photographic records, along with their eyewitness testimonies, are a horrid but essential part of this history. Martin Gilbert said that some of the photographs taken at Dachau are so disturbing that they have never been reproduced and he personally chose *not* to use them in his Atlas of the Holocaust! Verified reports about the atrocities and “systematic mass murder” had been in our newspapers since 1942! Yet, the soldiers were enraged and sickened by the filth and carnage that awaited them on the other side of those gates.





MEMORY OF THE CAMPS

Four months before the war was over, the Psychological Warfare Division of the 'Allied High Command' (Supreme HQ of the Allied Expeditionary Forces) began a thorough **documentation** project. They began to compile **pictorial** evidence of German atrocities. Sidney Bernstein was chief of the division's Film section.


As the Allied armies advanced, cameramen followed the soldiers and began to compile film footage of things...images that words could never describe.

One obvious purpose was to unflinchingly record the wretchedness of the camps and to fully document Germany's sadistic **Crimes Against Humanity**. It was deemed necessary to gather and preserve evidence such atrocities. **But more.....**

It was *also* part of the original intention to produce something that would be shown to *all* the German people, not just the ones nearby who were, on orders from the High Command, brought into the camps. Why? This purpose was to make Germany *as a nation* feel remorse for the crimes against humanity. To show them what they *as a nation* had committed.

To show the horrors for which *they* bore responsibility! Yes, the German citizens. Not just the SS. Not just the Nazi Party. Not just the Fuhrer and his inner circle of leaders. But the ordinary people who stood by and let it all happen.

One thing all liberators scoff at is Germans trying to claim that they 'didn't know' about the camps. **They knew.....**

 Although this film is mostly comprised of blunt footage, it still had to be organized and edited. For this, Sidney Bernstein was able to obtain professional advice. He got his friend Alfred Hitchcock to leave Hollywood and come to England to serve as consultant. (Hitchcock accepted no fee.) Hitchcock's suggestions are of more than trivial interest:

➤ Do wide angle shots. **Why?**

So that no viewers could think it had been pieced together ('No, there really were that many corpses...')

➤ Show the surrounding countryside. **Why?**

So no one would get the idea that these crimes were committed in another world.

(No, this barbarity was surrounded by trees, towns, villages...and apathy.)

But the **psychological** intent and purpose of the film document is most fascinating.

The original idea to use film-evidence to build a legal case to prove German guilt and to preclude any future attempt at DENIAL was certainly a good idea. But this meticulous attention to detail actually slowed down the production process!

Records indicate many delays and difficulties between February and the summer of 1945. **And then.....**

By September...a new post-war climate prevailed: The British High Command, some of whom had pre-screened the raw footage and the film-in-progress, decided on a more 'congenial' approach to Anglo-German relations.

Now, the original idea of making Germans feel remorseful was 'shelved.' Literally shelved! **Why?.....**

Because Burdening the German people with "collective guilt" was deemed to be "counter-productive."

It would be an impediment to engendering good will and to rallying the German populace to rebuild the ruined country. To use the film *as originally intended* might be too shameful! Perhaps it would be too demoralizing and too nihilistic.

Especially when the American and British governments needed to have West Germany as a 'buffer' against the Soviet Union.

We needed the German populace to get on with normalizing life. Normalizing *sans* repentance? **This we'll discuss.....**

Is the Holocaust really 'Too Great a Burden for a Soul to Bear'!? But what happens to humanity if it is not faced?

No wonder I have heard spiritually sensitive Germans say that they don't believe Germany has ever truly come to grips with its past! But that is a philosophical, even theological, matter.

As to this particular film production being used as a remorse-maker, it was eventually shelved. **And then.....**

For **four decades** (1945 — 1985) these reels, together with the typed narration ('script') collected dust down in the vaults of the British War Office and Imperial War Museum.

[Five of the six reels. The missing 6th reel is of the Liberation of Auschwitz & Maidanek taken by the Russians, it stayed in Moscow for a long time.]

The story of the photographic evidence really is an intriguing historiographical study-in-itself!

In the aftermath of the war there was plenty of graphic footage readily available for the German people and for the world to see. There were enough films around to reveal the grotesque evil that had been done in the Nazi's quest of a Germanic Utopia. SEE: *"Welt in Film"* – June 1945. Anglo/American Newsreel. *"Death Mills"* – January 1946. Directed by Billy Wilder.

Now, in case any of you do decide to watch *Memory of the Camps*, let me address that question which is of particular interest to our course, and to Holocaust Historiography, *and* to gaining a deeper understanding of the event.....**and that is?**

THE UNIQUENESS FACTOR

Memory of the Camps is one of the most damning films ever produced. It pointed movie cameras straight into the pits of hell. Why then, does the film **NOT** focus on Germany's decisive and obsessive policy? Why does it not make perfectly clear that the Nazi's primary aim was: To slate the Jewish People for Extinction! Yes the Nazis imprisoned and murdered millions of others:

Those Germans Hitler deemed 'unworthy-of-life' – the physically handicapped and mentally retarded. The Nazis also imprisoned and killed Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals, political opponents, criminals, and anyone that got in their way. They had no restraint in their Darwinian 'right' to sterilize or kill 'racial inferiors.' They decimated the Roma and Sinti peoples. Of course they killed underground activists - partisans from any of the vanquished nations. And, in their apocalyptic war they brutalized POWs.

Thus the liberators found victims in the camps who were from **many different nations**. To that extent, the Holocaust is doubtless a **Universal Tragedy**. But..... let us dare not lose the truth in that maelstrom of inhumanity. Remember that quote:

"Nazis killed some people for what they did, some for what they didn't do, and some for what they were.

But they killed Jews for THAT they WERE!"

The German "SOLUTION" to their "PROBLEM" that Jews EXIST...was to be total and "FINAL." The very worst of the camps were constructed or adapted to accomplish THAT ultimate purpose.

That is such a singularly blatant fact, that you wonder how it could be missed! It was unprecedented in human history!

WHY was that historically unique fact not explicit in this otherwise 'unflinchingly' explicit documentary?! **Suggestions?.....**

Film-makers and reporters weren't historians and even historians had not yet grasped the extent of the 'Final Solution.'

It was shrouded in the overall horror. It got lost in that whirlwind of destruction.

All along, reporters had down-played reports of Nazi extermination of the Jews in particular.

These are all good suggestions.

But the real answer can be detected in the actual intentions of the original film project! **Because.....**

Another one of the original purposes (other than building a legal case and making Germans feel remorseful!) was this:

TO "UNIVERSALIZE" THE VICTIMS! WHY?

So that all audiences everywhere could sympathize...could *identify* with them!

To do that...**You have to generalize the Holocaust and universalize the victims.** Assign them a common identity.

To do that...The victims could not be defined by any particular nationality, race, or religion!

They should be defined by their "innocence" and their "common humanity."

You'll hear the film's narration say "**from every European nation.**"

British Ministry of War guidelines advised Information Specialists '*to make Nazi injustices more credibly Evil*' they must deal with:

"Nazi treatment of indisputably innocent people, *not* violent political opponents.... **and not Jews." !!!**

Does this imply that Jews were **not innocent!?** Does this, amazingly enough, buy into the Nazis' own justifying propaganda?

What on earth were the Jews 'guilty' of? Being born Jewish. Merely having Jewish grandparents.

In this session, probably our most difficult, we honor the Liberators and listen attentively to their Testimonies. We subject ourselves unflinchingly to the documentaries *and* to the documents. We critically sift all evidence in the intense and burdensome process of understanding the Shoah in all its **uniqueness** *and* for all its **universal** lessons.

The Imperial War Museum had entitled the film "**Memory of the Camps.**" Frontline acquired it in 1985 and got the renowned British actor Trevor Howard to record the typed script but otherwise broadcast it unedited, even with the missing soundtrack.

The broadcast was on May 7th, 1985...the 40th anniversary of the end of the war.

UNIT 9B



To Honor the Survivors

UNIT 9B	<i>SURVIVOR TESTIMONY</i>
TEXTBOOK READINGS REQUIRED	Have finished reading Elie Wiesel’s <i>Night</i> for this session!
RECOMMENDED READINGS	Gerda Weissmann Klein – <i>All But My Life</i> Shirley Lebovitz – <i>The Enduring Spirit</i> Primo Levi – <i>Survival in Auschwitz: The Nazi Assault on Humanity</i>
PRIME LEARNING OBJECTIVES	Listen to those who survived on behalf of those who did not
FILMS SHOWN	Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation Documentary and ONE SURVIVOR REMEMBERS
FILMS RECOMMENDED	“ <i>The Last Days</i> ” Shoah Visual History Foundation, 1998 “ <i>Testimonies of the Human Spirit</i> ” 2004
PROJECT IDEAS	Find as many interviews with Elie Wiesel as possible... Write a report on his activism and contributions to humanity View the Klein’s photographs at ASU-Hayden Library-Special Collections
STUDY AIDS	[Find materials for your manual from various foundations.]
<i>This Section of the Shoah Student Manual is Dedicated To:</i>	<i>Gerda Weissmann Klein</i> <i>With Love</i>



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In this a world of Haters,
Our stand is but these three:
Be 'Slayers' ... 'Victims' ... 'Traitors'
No other choice have we.

Oh, stop the cruel insanity,
Lest Tyrants win the day!
Don't give up on Humanity;
Survivors know the way.

We must create *another* role;
And we must do so *now*:
Resist all Evil, Heal each Soul;
Survivors show us how.

So in this age of violence,
Beset with sin and strife
If we will act in Righteousness
We choose not Death, but Life!

The photograph is of my dear friends Kurt and Gerda Weissmann Klein
To Whom this Course is Lovingly Dedicated

The first stanza is paraphrased from a poem by Pushkin. Its original wording was:
"In this our age of infamy, Man's choice is but to be, A tyrant, traitor, prisoner; No other choice has he."

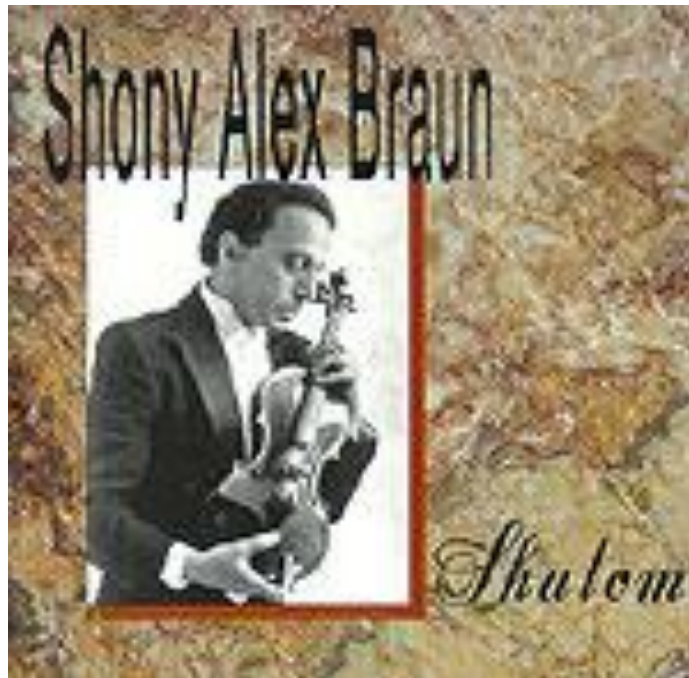
The Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation was established in 1994 by film director Steven Spielberg with the profits from his Academy Award winning film Schindler's List. The Foundation has recorded over 52,000 survivor testimonies in 30 languages, and has made them available for educational research with state-of-the art library science. They have amassed over 32,000 miles of video tape. It would take longer than 13 years of continuous viewing to see it all. The Third Reich lasted only 12 years.



*May the Survivors truly have 'the last word.'
And may that word be a blessing to us all.*

The noble motto of the Survivor's Association is:

***"MAY OUR SUFFERING SERVE AS A WARNING...
MAY OUR LEGACY PRESERVE MANKIND."***



SURVIVORS OF THE SHOAH



This session is dedicated to all Survivors, and to the significance of their Living Testimony.

It is a *moral imperative* to ‘Bear Witness’ to this unspeakable tragedy.

No one bears that momentous burden like the actual survivors do.

They take the responsibility so seriously that they overcome their fear of public speaking, and willingly suffer physical illness and nightmares that result from recounting their excruciating experiences. And, often they sacrifice their retirement years working for humanitarian causes.

They impart necessary warnings to our society about prejudice, hatred, and ... indifference.

They offer a message of **spiritual endurance**...something we now need more than ever!

Several survivor friends have told me that after speaking to high school assemblies, they receive Thank-You Notes from students who ‘decided not to commit suicide’ after hearing what they shared.

Some survivors recall being taunted by Nazi guards with these contemptuous words:

*“You cannot survive...we will leave **no witnesses** alive.”*

*“Why would you want to survive...even if you do, no one will ever **believe you**.”*

*“And even if they do believe you, **they will forget**, and we will have won our war against you!”*

To have survived such a prolonged onslaught of dehumanizing cruelty is truly a monument to humanity. It seems the only thing that burned more fiercely than the pit fires and crematoria was the burning desire to survive. To Survive - *and* - To Bear Witness.

They suffered agonies that really were “beyond belief” and yet they found strength to rebuild their lives *and* their dignity. Because they provide such a positive message for all human beings...I think every survivor deserves a Nobel Prize!

Survivor Testimony comprises the true centerpiece of this entire course, shedding light on every aspect we have *already* studied...from the standpoint of the **Victim**.

This will also provide invaluable insight for many aspects we must continue to discuss:

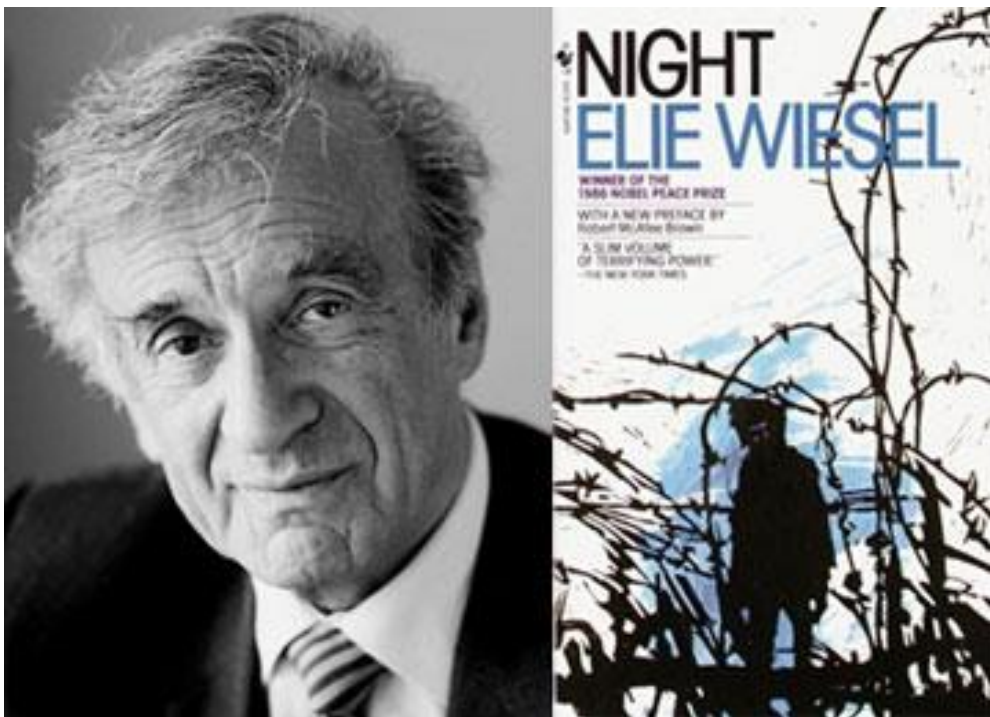
**Resistance to Evil.....Historiography.....Commemoration.....The Rebirth of Israel
Post - Holocaust Theological Reflection.....The Sanctity and the Meaning of Life!**

Survivor Testimony serves to frame this subject in the most meaningful ways possible:

**Life vs. Death Love vs. Hate Activism vs. Apathy
Honor vs. Desecration Remembrance vs. Repetition**

In the words of a famous Rabbi, *“Remembrance is the key to Redemption.”*

So, cherish the survivors, because, with them we may honor the victims, guard the truth, inspire righteousness, and work redemptively for all mankind. There’s really no other choice. *Not* to do so – is to **condone evil!** That would mean to **repeat history**. *God forbid.*

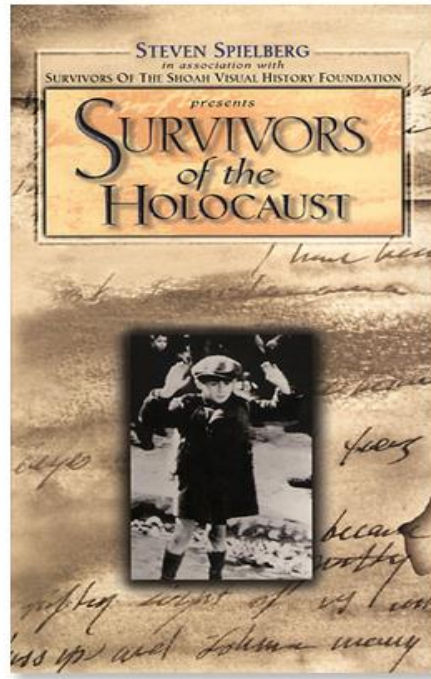


*“Listen to them! What they have to say about their past might insure our future. There is **grave danger in forgetting**, it would not only dishonor the dead. Should it triumph, the ashes of yesterday will smother our hopes for tomorrow. Their voices must be heard. They are the embodiment of a powerful and anguished call to life, to faith, and to salvation.”* Elie Wiesel - Forward to *Voices From the Holocaust*

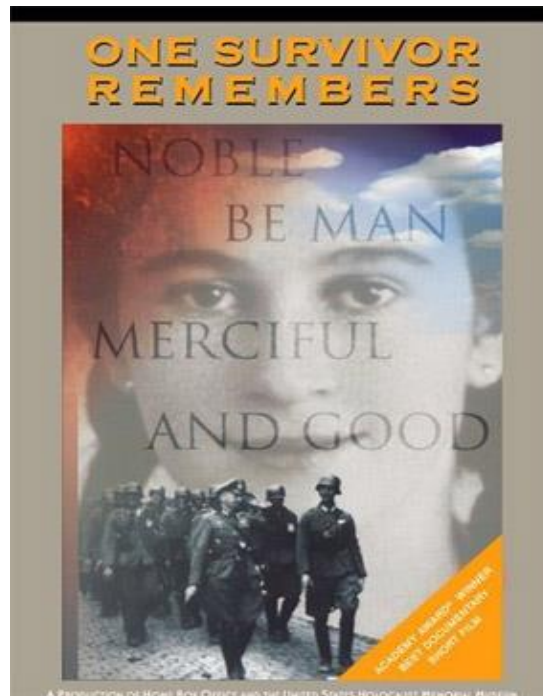


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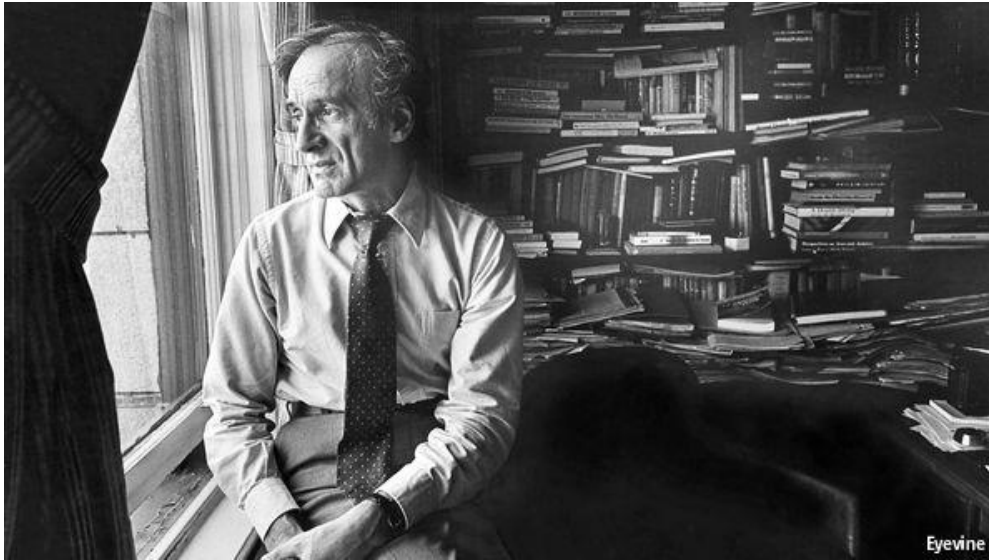
SURVIVORS OF THE SHOAH VISUAL HISTORY FOUNDATION PRESENTS:



ONE SURVIVOR REMEMBERS



IN MEMORIAM **ELIEZER WIESEL** 1928 – 2016



This summer, on July 2nd – all humanity lost a beacon of light. Elie Wiesel died at age 87 in New York. His profound teaching, eloquent writing, and most of all his humanitarian activism will be sorely missed. Especially in a world that, more now than ever, desperately needs such a passionately prophetic voice. For this course, you'll read his heartbreaking survivor testimony in the book: **NIGHT** – which is actually an abridgement of his 900 page Memoir called: *AND THE WORLD WAS SILENT*.

Elie has received more than ninety honorary degrees *and* the highest awards a person can be given, including the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and Honorary Knighthood [U.K.] When he won the **Nobel Peace Prize** in 1986, he used the award money to start a **Foundation for Humanity**. The best way for us to honor Elie is to heed his warnings and counteract intolerance and injustice wherever seen. And, he would say: to Bear Witness and challenge indifference. To the Blessed Memory of this '*Mensch*' and to his high ideals, the 2016 class was humbly dedicated.

“Without Memory, there is no culture, no civilization... Without Memory there is No Future!”

“Because I remember, I do despair. But because I remember, I have the duty to *reject* despair!”

“I believe the Holocaust was a unique event. For the first time in history a Jew was condemned to die not because of what beliefs he held, but because of who he was. For the first time in history, a birth certificate became a death certificate.”

“The opposite of love is not hate, it is indifference.”

“Human suffering anywhere concerns men and women everywhere.”


“Hope, like peace, is a gift only we can give to one another.”

***“Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim.
Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.”***

UNIT 10



Am Yisrael Chai!

<p>UNIT 10 LECTURE TOPICS</p>	<p><i>Shoah and the Rebirth of Medinat Yisrael</i> <i>A Critique of the “Out of the Ashes” Motif</i></p>
<p>TEXTBOOK READINGS REQUIRED</p>	<p>Rausch, Ch. 16 and 17 – And Articles Given</p>
<p>RECOMMENDED READINGS</p>	<p>David A. Rausch – <i>The Middle East Maze: Israel and Her Neighbors</i> Mitchell G. Bard – <i>Myths and Facts: A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict</i></p>
<p>PRIME LEARNING OBJECTIVES</p>	<p>Discuss Post-War conditions in Europe and the “D.P.” plight Overview a brief history of Zionism and the Modern State of Israel Examine connections between the Holocaust and the Restoration of Israel Understand this vile relationship: Anti-Zionism = Antisemitism</p>
<p>FILM SHOWN</p>	<p>EXODUS 1947</p>
<p>FILMS RECOMMENDED</p>	<p>“Against All Odds: In Search of a Miracle” (ongoing series) “The Case for Israel” “The Long Way Home” Wiesenthal Center “In Search of Peace: 1948 – 1967” Wiesenthal Center “Hijacking the Holy Land”</p>
<p>PROJECT IDEAS</p>	<p>Become informed about the “Middle East Conflict” Report on Arab Antisemitism and Holocaust Denial</p>
<p>STUDY AIDS</p>	<p> Main Outline — <i>To Be Filled In During Class Lecture</i> Several more articles will be given out in class, along with up-to-date lists of online resources and trustworthy organizations – for ongoing research</p>
<p><i>This Section of the Shoah Student Manual is Dedicated To:</i></p>	<p><i>They called it ‘illegal’ ...we called it...</i> <i>Aliyah Bet</i></p>

THE HOLOCAUST AND THE REBIRTH OF ISRAEL: OUT OF THE ASHES??

May 1945 – War is over but *not* _____. There is *still* _____.
Europe in ruins. ____ Million people uprooted by Hitler's War of Racial Reconfiguration. Called _____.
Among them, _____ Jews who survived the Holocaust and *approx.* _____ others who'd escaped it.
All desperate to rebuild their shattered lives. To RETURN _____ ! Many desired Aliyah to: "Palestine."

◆ **STOP!** Define "Palestine"! A 'geographic *misnomer*' for a Land that *already* has a Name and a People:
ERETZ Yisrael and AM Yisrael (The *Land* and *People* of Israel.) Spitefully renamed in A.D. _____ by the Pagan
Roman Emperor Hadrian when crushing the Jewish Revolt, after the ancient enemy of the Israelites: Philistines.

"Palestine" does **NOT** mean an 'Arab-Muslim Nation' to whom that Land *rightfully* belongs.

Though *most* Jews lived in Diaspora... *Some* Jews lived in Israel throughout *many* centuries of foreign occupation:

[By Romans, Byzantine XNs, Muslim Seljuk Turks, Christian Crusaders, Mameluke Egyptians, Ottomans, G.B.]

For 400 years, 1516 to 1917 'Palestine' was part of the vast corrupt, crumbling Ottoman Turkish Empire.

After WWI, GB & France arbitrarily carved up the M.E., administered "Mandates." GB had *already* promised

'Palestine' to Zionists to be re-established as their (Jewish) Homeland. (☒ The 1917 Balfour Declaration)

This confusing UNIT requires a lot of definitions, historical background, and an overlapping Time-frame:

[Ancient Times *up to* 19th and early 20th c.] [End of WWI, GB's League of Nations Mandate: 1920 - 1947, 48]:

[GB's 3 Dastardly Decades which *include*: WWII Holocaust 1939 - 45] [Then, 3 crucial years: 1945 - 1948]

Back to Post-War Europe. Jewish DPs want 'HOME.' West, not too bad, but *Eastern Europe* _____ !

👤 GB/US ran the DP Camps. 50,000 swelled to _____ by 1946,47 (due to influx from E. Euro)

Reports on camp conditions: _____ ! Yet, a spirit of _____ !

Reports recommend: Let _____ JDPs *immediately* into Palestine! _____ % wanted to go there!

Who had the authority to allow 'Aliyah'? _____, who'd ruled for nearly 3 decades, having *already* promised
to help Zionists (re-)establish their Jewish Homeland. But, those were the "Dastardly" Decades. (Betrayal)

◆ **STOP! THINK!** Please Realize the Extreme Importance of this UNIT! We're asking a *profound Q!*

☠ What does the Holocaust have to do with the Rebirth of Israel? ☆

Both events are of Biblical-Revelatory Significance! Is *either* one understood, much less the connection!?

Define: **ZIONISM** - _____

♥ As an age-old Hope: _____

📖 As a Political Movement: _____

📖 Traditions: _____

🌐 Uniqueness of Israel: *Only Nation on earth presently inhabited by the same* _____

_____ as _____ years ago!

Restoration of **AM** Israel to **ERETZ** Israel is by '**RIGHT**' of: Biblical Prophecy, Historical-Archeological Evidence, International-Legal Approval, Moral-Humanitarian Consent, Existential Necessity, and our Political Advantage, *etc.*

Yet - Israel's 'Right to Exist' is viciously denied and constantly threatened! Do **you** know how to defend it?

Can you detect and refute *Anti-Zionist Propaganda*? *That's why we must study* _____!

WHEN did *Aliyah* begin in significant waves? _____, when Ottomans had let the land go to ruin.

As described by travel-writers like _____ as: _____!

Zionist Pioneers: " _____ without a _____ into a _____ without a _____ "!" *Is that Fair?!*

Local **NON**-Jews were: _____. Land owned by _____.

At first, a *conciliatory* spirit of cooperation & mutual benefit between Arab & Jew. Tragically it did not last.

GB had promised independent nations to both! Arabs got: _____

See original size of Palestine: **Map A**. 1920. ☆ The Zionist Dream *seemed* about to come true at long last!

Instead, GB's disastrous mishandling; Arabs revolt with massacres, riots, and GB responds by Appeasement!

Factors: Rise in Arab _____. Wealthy landlords resist _____. The religion of _____

1922: GB gives ____% of Palestine to *Arabs*, creating "Trans _____" (Jews not allowed!) See **Map B**.

Jews continue to develop infrastructure for eventual statehood...but have to defend themselves against attacks.

1922: Haj Amin al-Husseini is appointed to Supreme Muslim Council, The Grand _____ of Jerusalem!

Incites several bloody riots and massacres (1929, 1936-39) Thousands are killed, yet GB slow to banish him.

When finally ousted he goes to _____!

(After WWII, escapes like other Nazis do. Goes to _____, incites *all* Arabs 'in League' against a Jewish State.)

WHY did GB appease Arabs & betray Jews? *Neville Chamberlain*: _____!

(Jews are a patient & dispensable _____. Arabs have _____! Jews will naturally help GB!)

With war looming, (after Hitler had *promised* the war would mean the annihilation of Jews!), *unbelievably*:

May 17, 1939 - GB issues the WHITE PAPER: TEN YEAR POLICY ON PALESTINE - which did what?

Severely _____ Immigration #s for 5 years, then **HALT!** *Prohibit* Land Purchase in over ____% of Palestine.

Declare intent for an _____ Independent State! [The WP *formally nullified* the Balfour Declaration!]

Jews called it the _____ Paper. It would effectively *guarantee* the Mufti's Middle East Holocaust!

All through WWII, Jews are trapped between Nazi Murderers and British Betrayers (*and*, an indifferent USA)

David Ben Gurion (Palestinian Jewish Leader) said: _____!

Did Jews help GB during war? *Example:* _____

 Q: **WHEN** did Israel begin to *bloom* and be founded, established and built-up as a Modern Nation-State?

Answer: _____ the Holocaust! *Examples:* _____

 NOW...Back to where WE started! Crucial post-war years. *Jewish DPs yearning for 'Pre-state Israel'...*


Harrison *and* Anglo/Am Reports had recommended immediate entry. *Unbelievably*, GB sticks to the W.P.!

Foreign Secretary was a brute named _____, Jews called him _____!

If YOU had been a Survivor in Europe... or a Pioneer in Zion... what would YOU have done at this time??

Different Jewish Reactions to stubborn insensitive British Rule:

 Some groups (Irgun, etc.) came unhinged and resort to violence: _____

 The diverse Zionist Movement around the world patch up their differences, galvanize, etc.

 Best of all! Protest by rescuing, not killing! "*Illegal Immigration*" - we call it "_____!"

Between May 1945 and May 1948 - _____ ships set sail for Pre-State Israel. _____ were captured.

The 'illegals' are incarcerated on the smelly island of _____ (Behind barbed wire AGAIN!)

The most *Haganah* famous ship of all? "_____ 1947" With _____ Passengers.

GB hands their Mandate Mess over to the U.N. which forms a Special Committee on Palestine. "UNSCOP"

UNSCOP's resolution, a _____ Plan. Nov.29, 1947 General Assembly votes in favor of the Plan.

Notice the narrow (indefensible) *slice* of the remaining *sliver* that was being offered to the Jews! **MAP C.**

Jews accept **JOYFULLY**. Arabs reject **VIOLENTLY**. Nov. 30, 1947 - 'irregular' **WAR** (massacre) begins.

In the half year between the vote and the official end of GB Mandate, the tiny Jewish state is almost 'ABORTED'!

GB deliberately tries to insure that it will be 'STILLBORN'!

Then, once 'born' it is almost 'STRANGLING IN ITS CRIB'!

May 14, 1948 – Ben Gurion reads a *Declaration of Independence!* After over 2000 years, Israel is a State!

Minutes later, President _____ called to give ‘recognition.’ (Would ___ ___ have!??)

☐ What was the VERY first official act? To repeal the _____!

Jewish citizens dance in the street, but leaders know they will have to fight for their lives! As the Brits are boarding ships & departing, Egyptian bombers fly overhead... The “War of Independence” (survival) begins.

5 Arab Nations invade: _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____.

They declare it a *War of Extermination* – a “*Momentous Massacre*” (and intend to finish Hitler’s job!)

The war left _____ Palestinian Arabs homeless refugees. Their own brethren did *not help* them but instead, *used them* as a ‘**weapon**’ to engender hatred against Israel. Tragically, it has worked very well! In fact..

People forget the ‘other’ side of the refugee story: _____ Jews had to leave Arab countries.

Israel, though small, war-torn, and severely ‘economically challenged,’ absorbed and cared for them.

The highly politicized and intractable ‘Palestinian’ Problem has its roots in this history. People forget that they have been offered a state **several** times (1937, 1947, 1967, 2000, etc.) but, there is something that they desire much more than their own nation, and that is: _____!

Why no Pal State on the WB when Jordan had it from 1949–1967? Why did the PLO organize *BEFORE* Israel even *got* the WB (in a war started by Arabs)? Why do we pressure Israel to give & give when it is surrounded by people who want Israel **annihilated**? Israel has had to ward off **many** attempts to do so: 1956, 1967, 1973, Intifadas, Terrorist Attacks, Suicide Bombers, etc. Yet, **ONLY** the *one Jewish State’s* right-to-exist is questioned? *Why?*

ANTI-ZIONISM = ANTISEMITISM = DEATH TO JEWS

Now you should have enough background to critique the “*Out of the Ashes*” Motif and answer this Q: **DOES** Israel owe its existence to the Holocaust? Is the **ONLY** reason Jews got a State handed to them, at the expense of the poor Palestinian Arabs, because world powers *felt sorry* for Jews after the Holocaust? *Why are* 1945 - 1948 so close in time? What **IS** the connection between the SHOAH and ISRAEL’S REBIRTH?

There **IS** a connection but it is **NOT** _____!!

+ DPs and Survivors

— World Sympathy?! NOT quite!!

+ Part of Collective Memory

— Destruction of the Wellspring...

Conclusion: On *critical* balance, Israel _____ so much more than it ‘gained’ from the Holocaust.

But, what the Holocaust **DID** ‘give’ to them - *and to us* - is the most horrifying proof ever, that:

Am Yisrael Chai!

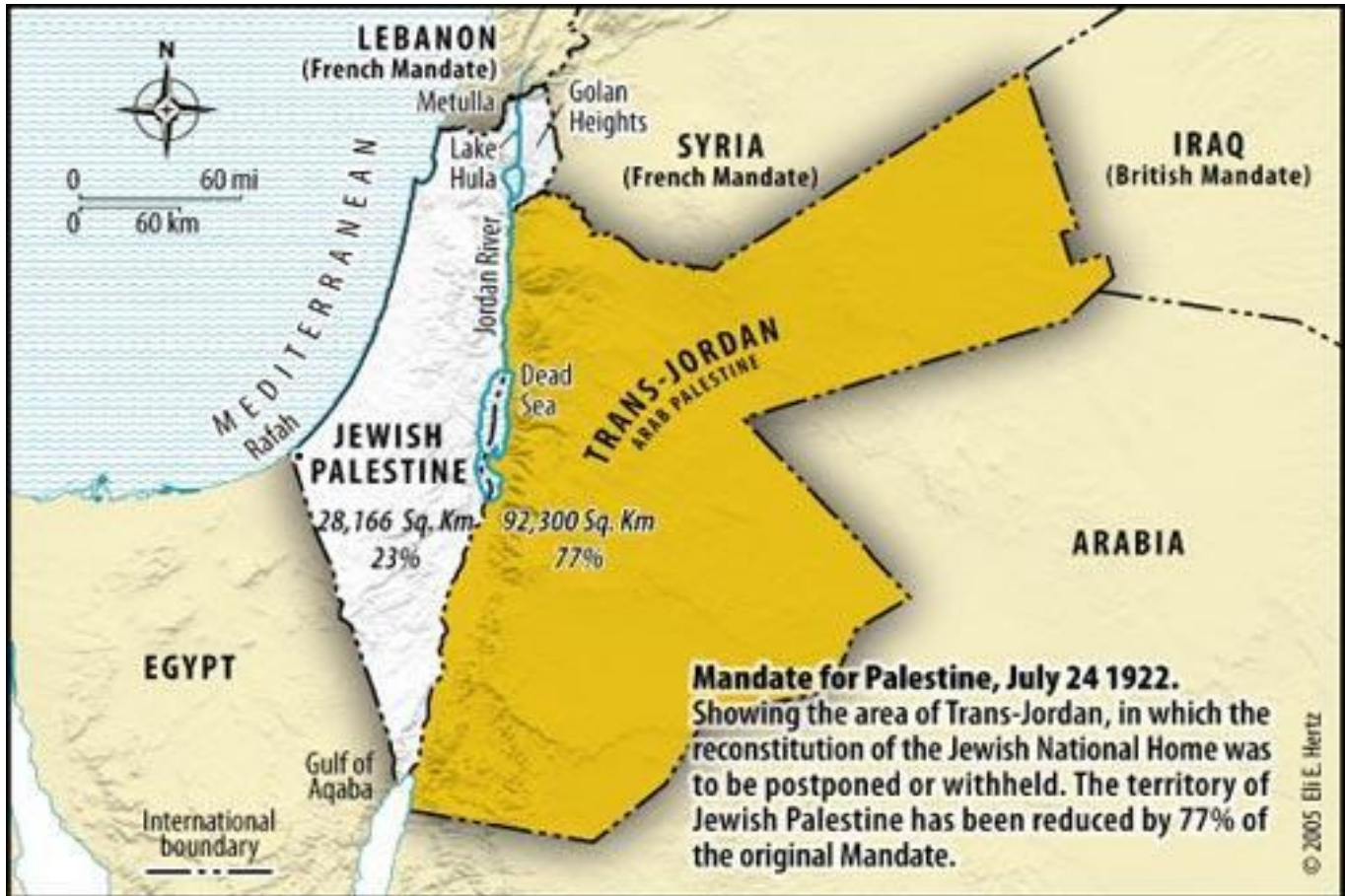
MAP A. ORIGINAL SIZE OF BRITAIN'S PALESTINE MANDATE AREA:



Area Allocated for Jewish National Home
San Remo Conference, 1920

**MAP B. 1922 - British gave over 77% of Palestine to the Arabs
Jews were NOT permitted there!**

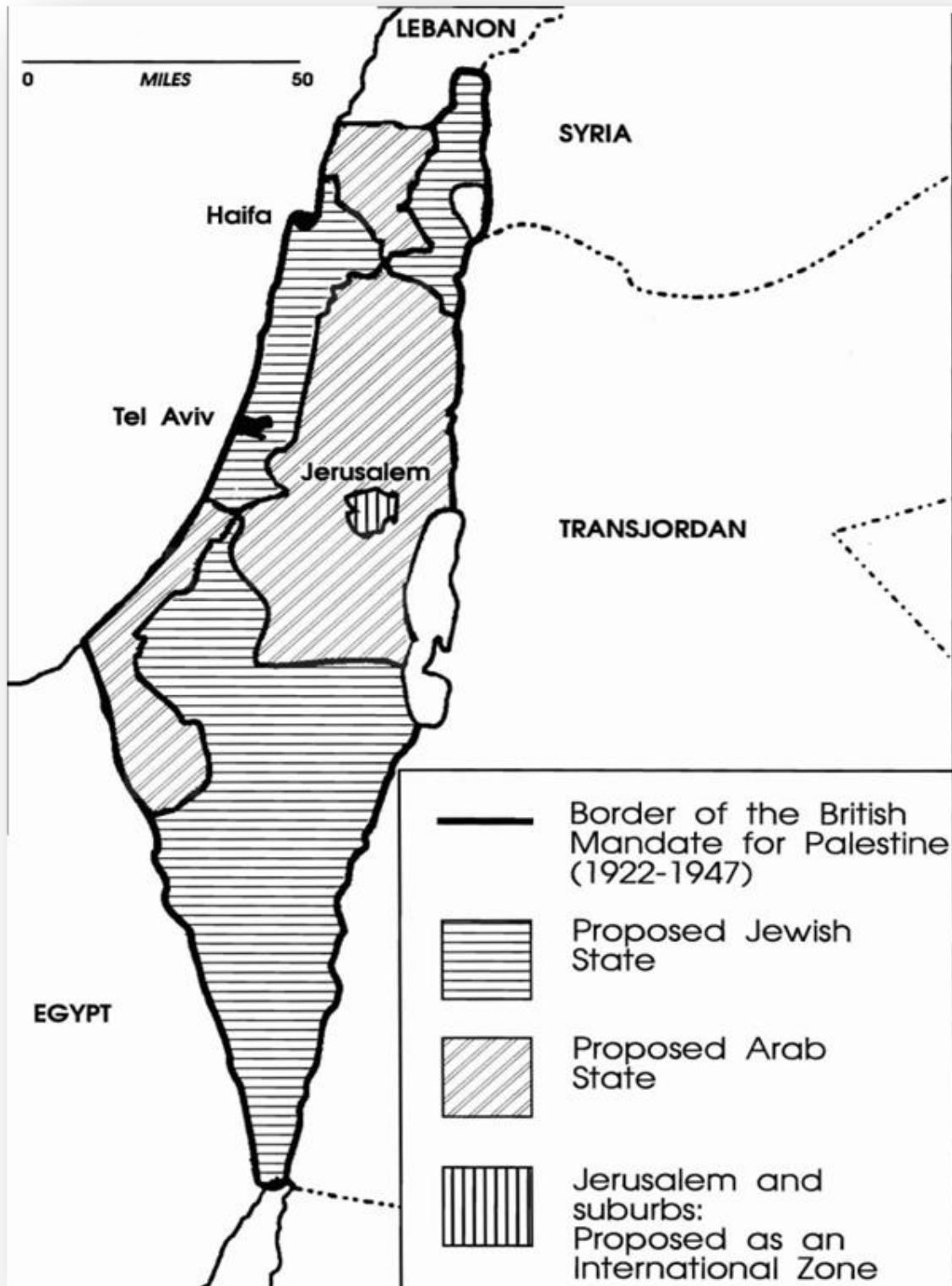
(Trans-Jordan = Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, was given Independence in 1946)



Notice that the Map says: "ARAB PALESTINE"!

On the next map, notice the further dividing of what was left to offer yet another Arab State!

MAP C. U.N. PARTITION PLAN OFFERS JEWS A NARROW SLICE OF THE REMAINING SLIVER!
NOTICE THAT JERUSALEM ISN'T EVEN IN THE PART OFFERED TO JEWS!



UNIT 11

HISTORIOGRAPHY AND DENIAL



Uncovering Emanuel Ringelblum's 'Oneg Shabbat' Warsaw Ghetto Archives
Several cans remain undiscovered

<p>UNIT 11 LECTURE TOPICS</p>	<p>Holocaust Historiography vs. Holocaust Denial</p>
<p>TEXTBOOK READINGS REQUIRED</p>	<p><i>Finish</i> both Rausch and Meltzer Read McDonough’s Conclusion</p>
<p>RECOMMENDED READINGS</p>	<p><u>Any book or article by Dr. Deborah Lipstadt:</u> Go to: www.hdot.org <i>Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on truth and Memory</i> <i>History On Trial: My Day in Court with David Irving</i></p>
<p>PRIME LEARNING OBJECTIVES</p>	<p>Delineate key aspects and periods of Holocaust historiography Analyze the methods and motives of Holocaust Deniers Learn how to recognize and refute various forms of revisionism</p>
<p>FILM SHOWN</p>	<p>Nazi Designers of Death</p>
<p>FILMS RECOMMENDED</p>	<p>“NEVER FORGET” Turner, 1991 “HOLOCAUST ON TRIAL” Nova, 2000. Documentary on Irving’s Libel Suit against Lipstadt “DENIAL” Bleeker Street, 2016. Feature Film about Irving’s Libel Suit against Lipstadt</p>
<p>PROJECT IDEAS</p>	<p>Visit hdot.org -- And other sites specializing in debunking Deniers: Holocaust History Project - Archive of documents, photographs, and recordings www.holocaust-history.org Nizkor Project - (<i>Nizkor</i> = ‘Remember’ in Hebrew.) Large collection of documents www.nizkor.org</p>
<p>STUDY AIDS</p>	<p>Chart for Lecture Notes – Also a page of Quotes for discussion Article by Professor Richard V. Pierard — “It Happened” - Given in Class Responses to Revisionist Arguments - <i>from the Wiesenthal Center</i> Primary Sources ‘Through the Stages’ Pictures of Documents and Artifacts</p>
<p><i>This Section of the Shoah Student Manual is Dedicated To:</i></p>	<p><i>~ To the Woman in the Photograph ~</i></p>

In December of 1941 during the evacuation of the Riga Ghetto, the Nazis shot the eminent Jewish historian, 81 year old Simon Dubnow. As he fell dying, his last words were:

“Write and record!”

In this poignant picture, a woman stoops down to ‘write and record’ something.’ Whatever it was, it surely was the last thing she would ever write. This was taken just before she was force into a train-car headed for a death camp.



THE HOLOCAUST HAPPENED

HISTORIOGRAPHY

VS.

DENIAL

PRIMARY SOURCES: Physical evidence...Artifacts...News Reports...Diaries...Speeches...Memos...Films, etc.
Massively abundant sources have been archived, & new materials *still* emerge: Secret files are opened; Intelligence reports are de-classified.

DURING the event:

Examples:

Historian's responsibilities and purposes:

Gather and catalogue sources
Assess and interpret data and testimony; continually clarify...
Need "inter-disciplinary" analysis, integrity of methodology
To Uncover, Study, Write and Teach History
"Historiosophy"—Gaining wisdom from historical scrutiny
Applying history's lessons has a deep moral dimension

"To bear witness, to bear the unspeakable burden of this memory, may renew and fortify our moral stature so as to say, and act on, these words: **Never Again.**"

"We Study History To _____"

Ultimate Goal: _____ **HISTORY !!**

DURING the event:

Examples:

Denier's tactics and agenda:

Deliberate falsification, propaganda, outright denial
"Denial" ranges from Hate Groups to Pseudo-historians
Pose as "inquiring minds who want the truth"
Plant seeds of doubt now that will bear bitter fruit later
"Desecration of _____, annihilation of _____
and the obliteration of _____"

"To deny or dilute the Holocaust is to set the conditions for another one."
~ Dr. Richard Pierard

"They Deny History To _____"

Ultimate Goal: _____ **HISTORY !!**

~~~~~SUMMARIZE~~~~~

# HOLOCAUST HISTORIOGRAPHY *vs.* HOLOCAUST DENIAL

Some thoughts and quotes from Unit 11

*"If the Shoah isn't a fact, nothing is true."*

"Holocaust Denial should not be 'protected as Free Speech'...it should be condemned as 'Hate Speech'."

"No serious historian questions that the Holocaust happened." – The American Historical Association

"Denial began during the event itself..." [Examples: \_\_\_\_\_]

"Deniers constitute one of the most significant and morally repugnant Propaganda Movements today."

"Deniers cannot 'disprove' the Holocaust, so they 'sow seeds of doubt,' seeds that bear bitter fruit..."

*"...Centuries may lapse...but from the ruins of our cities and monuments will rise anew the HATRED for the people to whom we owe all this: International Jewry and its acolytes. Resist mercilessly the poisoner of all nations: International Jewry!"* – From Hitler's Last Will and Testament, April 1945

"To **deny** or even **dilute** the Holocaust is to **set the pre-conditions for another** one!" – Prof. Richard Piard

"Get it all on **record** now – get the **films** – get the **witnesses** – because somewhere down the road of history some **#!@!\*** will get up and say that this never happened!" – General Dwight Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces (who having seen some liberated camps, ordered all possible photographs to be taken, *and* insisted that local German citizens be taken into the camps to see, and to smell, what their Fuhrer had ordered!)

"Abbas, Leader of the Palestinian Authority, wrote a dissertation (Moscow University) to try and 'minimize' the magnitude of the Holocaust. To *such an extent* that he can rightly be called a denier."

– Dr. Daniel Mandel, Director of ZOA Center for Middle East Policy

## DISCUSS THIS LETHAL CONNECTION:

ANTISEMITISM = \_\_\_\_\_

HOLOCAUST DENIAL = \_\_\_\_\_

ANTI-ZIONISM = \_\_\_\_\_

ALL OF THE ABOVE = \_\_\_\_\_

"Holocaust Denial is nothing less than: 'The Desecration of Memory', the 'Annihilation of Justice' and the 'Obliteration of Moral Sensibility.' Few things are more dangerously anti-redemptive."

They don't merit honest 'debate', so what is the best way to 'respond to' or *counter* Holocaust deniers?

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## Responses to Revisionist Arguments

The following questions are routinely posed by "Historical Revisionists" in their efforts to deny the existence of the Holocaust. The responses to these arguments were prepared by Center Researcher Aaron Breitbart

1. The Holocaust was merely Allied propaganda.
  2. There is no proof that the Holocaust occurred.
  3. The estimates of Jewish losses during the Holocaust are greatly exaggerated. There were never even 6 million Jews in Germany.
  4. Didn't the International Committee for the Red Cross report that only 300,000 people had perished in the German concentration camps, not all of them Jews?
  5. Nazi policy towards the Jews was emigration, not extermination.
  6. Not a single document has been found with Hitler's signature ordering the extermination of the Jews.
  7. Zyklon B was a fumigant. It wasn't a practical agent for mass murder.
  8. If Zyklon B is so highly toxic, how could bodies have been removed from gas chambers only minutes after execution?
  9. Zyklon B is so highly flammable that a single spark from the ventilation system or the immense heat created by the nearby furnaces would have resulted in an explosion.
  10. There is no proof whatsoever that the Nazis ever murdered anyone in gas chambers.
  11. American engineer and execution 'expert', Fred Leuchter, proved that the 'so-called' gas chambers at Auschwitz could not have been used for their 'alleged' purpose.
  12. Didn't Simon Wiesenthal himself state that there were no extermination camps in Germany?
  13. For years, the death statistics at Auschwitz-Birkenau had been put at well over 3 million. Recently, however, a memorial plaque at the former death camp estimates Jewish losses closer to 1 million. Shouldn't the new figures imply that Jewish losses for the Holocaust are much lower than previously thought?
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### 1. The Holocaust was merely Allied propaganda.

The Allies actually ignored reports filtering out of Europe about the mass murder of Jews by the Nazis and their collaborators. Even when convinced of their veracity, they tried to withhold the information from the public. On August 8, 1942, Dr. Gerhart Riegner, the representative of the World Jewish Congress in Geneva, Switzerland, asked the U.S. legation in Switzerland to relay

information about Germany's plan to exterminate all European Jews under its control to American Jewish leader, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. The information had been given to Riegner by a highly-placed German official. Instead of relaying the message, the U.S. State Department actually withheld it and ordered its Swiss legation not to relay any such reports in the future.

In the same year, a member of the Polish underground Jan Karski, had secretly been smuggled into a German concentration camp in Poland. Making his way out, he was sent to London by the Underground to deliver his report on the horrors he witnessed. Karski spoke with both Roosevelt and Churchill. History records, however, that Karski's pleas were largely dismissed.

One need only check the major newspapers of the period to realize how little attention was paid to Nazi atrocities. If the Holocaust were merely "propaganda," why did the Allies go to such lengths to downplay it?

## **2. There is no proof that the Holocaust occurred.**

No crime in history has been as well-documented as the Holocaust. Proof of the Holocaust is multi-faceted. It is demonstrated by a myriad of documents, the majority of them Nazi-authored, captured by Allied troops before the Germans had a chance to destroy them. Included are detailed reports of mass shootings and gassings. Some 3,000 documents on the destruction of Europe's Jewish community by the Nazis were, in fact, presented by the prosecution before war crimes tribunals at Nuremberg.

The first-hand testimony of survivors who lived through the horrors of the death camps as well as the reports and confessions by the perpetrators leave little doubt as to the nature of Hitler's "Final Solution." Horrifying films and photos of killing operations and their aftermath can only begin to give us a picture of the extent of Nazi bestiality; as do the reports of Allied Generals and troops who were sickened by what they saw at sites of slaughter they had just liberated.

Interestingly enough, Nazi war crimes suspects who stood trial in the post war years for their misdeeds never claimed that the crimes of which they were accused were fictional. They instead argued that they were "only following orders."

The evidence is, in fact, so overwhelming that on October 9, 1981, Judge Thomas T. Johnson of the California Superior Court, took judicial notice of the Holocaust ruling that, "The Holocaust is not reasonably subject to dispute. It is capable of immediate and accurate determination by resort to resources of reasonable indisputable accuracy. It is simply a fact."

## **3. The estimates of Jewish losses during the Holocaust are greatly exaggerated. There were never even 6 million Jews in Germany.**

It is true that Germany had fewer than 600,000 Jews when Hitler came to power in 1933. The majority of Jews murdered by the Nazis, however, did not live in Germany. They resided in the countries which Germany invaded during the war, especially Poland and areas of the former Soviet Union, where millions of Jews once made their homes. In fact, the Protocol of the Wannsee Conference (Jan. 20, 1942) a German document outlining the Nazi plan to annihilate European Jewry, lists over 11 million Jews throughout the continent.

The 6 million figure can be demonstrated by comparing Europe's Jewish population before and

after the war. Even after making allowances for those who fled Europe and others who could be expected to die due to natural causes, there are nearly 6,000,000 people who cannot be accounted for.

Authentic German documents confirm the slaughter of Jews in the millions. The famous "Korherr Report," (named after Richard Korherr, chief statistician for the SS) puts the number of Jewish losses at more than 2,454,000 by the end of 1942 alone. The war in Europe would not end until May, 1945.

The Anglo-American Commission of Enquiry, meeting in April 1946, put the total Jewish Holocaust losses at 5,721,500. On the basis of wartime statistical reports on ghettos, concentration camps and mass murder operations carried out by the Nazis, historian and international jurist, Jacob Robinson, arrived at a figure of 5,820,960. German historian, Helmut Krausnick, put the number of Jewish losses nearer to seven million. While the exact figure will never be known, scholars of the Holocaust find the rounded-off figure of six million to be in line with all the evidence.

**4. Didn't the International Committee for the Red Cross report that only 300,000 people had perished in the German concentration camps, not all of them Jews?**

The Red Cross never issued such a statistic, nor has it offered any estimate of the number of victims who perished in the camps. In its bulletin of February 1, 1978, the Red Cross declared that it had never compiled, much less published such statistics.

The 300,000 figure was actually taken from the Swiss paper, "Die Tat," in 1955. This estimate, however, was only a figure for the number of Germans who perished in the concentration camps. No mention of any Red Cross figures, however, was ever made by the paper.

Despite the obvious deception, Holocaust deniers, continue to peddle it, hoping that few people will actually check the sources.

**5. Nazi policy towards the Jews was emigration, not extermination.**

From the beginning, the Nazis made no secret of their goal of creating a "Jew-free" Germany and Europe. One of the earliest methods was, indeed, forced emigration. But on November 10, 1941, precise instructions from Berlin to kill the Jews in his area were received by Higher SS and police leader, Friedrich Jeckeln from Berlin, stating, that pursuant to the Fuehrer's order, Jews would no longer be allowed "to emigrate", instead they would be "evacuated." In his October 4, 1943 speech to SS generals in Poznan, SS Chief, Heinrich Himmler, left no doubt as to the meaning of evacuation. "I am now referring to the evacuation of the Jews, the extermination of the Jewish people", he declared.

"Evacuation" had been a Nazi codeword for murder even earlier. In the Spring of 1940, 1,558 mental patients had been transferred from sanitoriums in Eastern Prussia for "evacuation" near the Soldau concentration camp. They were never heard from again. The Nazis attempted to hide their intentions by the use of codewords. "Resettlement" was commonly used to describe the deportation of Jews to the gas chambers, hence SS Major, Francke-Gricksch's 1943 report on Auschwitz in which he remarks that the camp's "resettlement furnaces" were capable of burning 10,000 bodies a day.

Despite the attempts at deception, Victor Brack, one of the chief architects of Hitler's "euthanasia" experiments testified to the war crimes tribunal at Nuremberg, that it was no secret among the Nazi hierarchy that "the Jews were to be exterminated."

**6. Not a single document has been found with Hitler's signature ordering the extermination of the Jews.**

This is true. Hitler was not about to repeat the mistake he had made earlier when he initialed his "euthanasia order," condemning over 70,000 German mental patients to death at so-called "charitable care facilities" such as Hadamar and Grafineck. (Ironically, the first victims of Nazi gassings were actually non-Jewish Germans). Popular protest which threatened his popularity, eventually forced Hitler to abandon his euthanasia experiment, or at least take it underground. Never again would Hitler initial any document connecting himself to mass killings.

Nevertheless, historians have been able to establish with convincing certainty that the order to exterminate millions of Jews came directly from Hitler. On November 10, 1941, Higher SS and police leader, Friedrich Jeckeln, received orders to liquidate the Jewish population of Riga. He was informed by his superior, Hinrich Lohse, that it was "the Fuehrer's wish."

A few months earlier, Gestapo Chief, Heinrich Mueller, sent a message to the commanders of the 4 Einsatzgruppen (mobile killing squads active in Eastern Europe) advising them that "the Fuehrer was to be informed about the work of the Einsatzgruppen on a continual basis."

Discussing the liquidation of Jews in Eastern Europe, SS Chief, Heinrich Himmler, told SS Gruppenfuehrer, Gottlob Berger, "the occupied East will be freed of Jews. The Fuehrer has placed the execution of this difficult order on my shoulders."

Hitler's involvement in the "Final Solution" extended to gassing operations. On October 25, 1941 a directive addressed to Hinrich Lohse regarding the use of special "gassing vans," came by way of German judge, Dr. Erhard Wetzel. Wetzel had been summoned to the Chancellory and informed that the directive he was to prepare was, in fact, a "Fuehrer order."

On February 4, 1943, Hitler equated the extermination of the Jews with having "exterminated a bacterium." In his January 30 speech to the Reichstag 4 years earlier, Hitler warned that in the event of war, "the result will be...the annihilation of the Jewish race in Europe!"

Those who argue that Hitler did not order, approve, or even know about the wanton murder of millions of Jews and others during the Holocaust, do so in direct contradiction of all the evidence.

**7. Zyklon B was a fumigant. It wasn't a practical agent for mass murder.**

Ordinarily, Zyklon B (a hydrogen cyanide preparation) was used as an insecticide. Hydrogen cyanide, however, is actually more dangerous to humans than insects. When the level of HCN reaches only 300 parts per million, it will kill a person within a few minutes. The amount of hydrogen cyanide required to kill a person of average weight is only 60 mg.

Because Zyklon was, in fact, so toxic, its manufacturers warned personnel not to reenter a room fumigated with the gas for 20 hours after airing. In addition, a compound was added to the preparation emitting a powerful, intolerable odor - a warning agent that the gas was present.

When purchasing Zyklon B for the death camps, the SS ordered the manufacturer to remove the warning compound, a clear indication of its intended use.

**8. If Zyklon B is so highly toxic, how could bodies have been removed from gas chambers only minutes after execution?**

The death chambers were outfitted with special ventilation systems to remove any remaining gas. In addition, those prisoners charged with removing the bodies (the sonderkommando) wore gas masks.

**9. Zyklon B is so highly flammable that a single spark from the ventilation system or the immense heat created by the nearby furnaces would have resulted in an explosion.**

Zyklon B will explode - at 60,000 parts per million. It only takes a concentration of 300 parts per million to kill a person in just a few minutes. (Less than half that amount will kill in less than an hour.) Clearly, the concentration of Zyklon used in the gas chambers was far below flammability or explosion levels.

**10. There is no proof whatsoever that the Nazis ever murdered anyone in gas chambers.**

The use of gas chambers by the Nazis is proven by a wide array of evidence. Testimony by the perpetrators themselves as well as the first-hand accounts of prisoners, especially members of the "Sonderkommando" (groups of inmates forced to remove the dead from the gas chambers and dispose of their bodies) constitute only a part of the evidence.

Documents including blueprints of the killing installations as well as orders for construction materials and Zyklon B (the deadly hydrogen cyanide preparation used for gassings at Auschwitz and Majdanek...carbon monoxide exhaust was used at other camps) survived the war as did some of the actual gassing facilities themselves. Photos clandestinely taken by prisoners of Auschwitz-Birkenau even show the disposal of corpses removed from the gas chamber. The manufacture, distribution and use of the deadly gas was clearly demonstrated at the "Zyklon B Trial" in March 1946, Hamburg, Germany. Two of the defendants, Bruno Tesch and Karl Weinbacher, the owner and a major executive of a company that manufactured the gas were sentenced to death after notes of their trips to Auschwitz disproved their contention that they were unaware that the poison was used to kill inmates.

Jean-Claude Pressac, a one-time skeptic of the gas chambers, had undertaken a careful study of Auschwitz in which he analyzed a wide variety of camp documents, photos, reports and blueprints. Pressac, who had at one time been intrigued by the Holocaust-denying theories of Robert Faurisson, concluded that his original skepticism could no longer be supported in the face of the evidence. In 1989, the Klarsfeld Foundation published his study, *Auschwitz: Technique and Operation of the Gas Chambers*, in which Pressac demonstrates the use of the gas chambers of Auschwitz-Birkenau in the murders of hundreds of thousands of people.

Incidentally, Jews were not the first people gassed by the Nazis. The first victims of Nazi gassings were German mental patients condemned by Hitler's "Euthanasia" order of 1939.

**11. American engineer and execution 'expert', Fred Leuchter, proved that the 'so-called' gas chambers at Auschwitz could not have been used for their 'alleged' purpose.**

In 1988, Fred Leuchter of Malden, Massachusetts was contacted by Holocaust denier, Robert Faurisson and hired to prepare a report on the gas chambers of Auschwitz on behalf of Canadian neo-Nazi, Ernst Zundel. Zundel was on trial on charges stemming from the distribution of Holocaust revisionist literature. With his client footing the bill, Leuchter visited the site of the Auschwitz-Birkenau and Majdanek death camps. Upon returning to the United States, he published a lengthy report which concluded that the facilities he examined "could not have then been...utilized or seriously considered to function as execution gas chambers."

During the Zundel trial, however, it became increasingly clear that something was terribly wrong with the "Leuchter Report." As it turned out, Mr. Leuchter had no credentials as an engineer, and in fact, held only a Bachelors Degree in history. Leuchter's bizarre explanation that anyone who went to college knew enough Mathematics and Science to be an engineer, raised even more eyebrows. Judge Ronald Thomas listened to excerpts from the "Leuchter Report," then castigated the author for his methodology which he labeled "preposterous," before ruling that "Leuchter has no expertise."

Leuchter's lack of credentials resulted in more than embarrassment at the Zundel trial. Leuchter, who had represented himself as an engineer and execution expert to various government agencies for years, was indicted by the state of Massachusetts for the imposture.

Faced with the possibility of jail time if convicted, Leuchter reached a pre-trial agreement with the Court in which he admitted that he "was not and had never been registered as a professional engineer," although he had represented himself as "an engineer able to consult in areas of engineering concerning execution technology." As part of the humbling agreement Leuchter also agreed to cease and desist from the distribution of anymore engineering reports during his probationary period.

An analysis of the "Leuchter Report" by Professor George Wellers in Paris concluded Leuchter's "calculations to be an absurdity... One can see in many ways to what degree this expert chemist (Wellers was unaware that Leuchter had no degree in any science) is operating outside the realities of the problem." Concluding the analysis, Wellers characterized Leuchter's interpretation as "false and absurd from start to end."

Despite his embarrassment from both academic as well as legal circles, Leuchter took his show to Germany. Arrested in October 1993 on charges of inciting racial hatred, he was released on bail and allowed to return to the U.S. pending trial. Leuchter, however, refused to return to Germany for trial. A warrant for his arrest is still outstanding.

Despite the exposure of the self-styled engineer and his report as fraudulent, both are still held in high esteem among Holocaust "revisionists."

**12. Didn't Simon Wiesenthal himself state that there were no extermination camps in Germany?**

The Nazis classified their many hundreds of concentration camps on their basis of their primary function. In a very real sense, all were death camps because the death of the inmates, whether

through overwork, starvation/disease, or outright murder, was ultimately expected.

Those sites, however, which functioned as extermination centers (Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka, Majdanek, Sobibor, Belzec, and Chelmno), were specially equipped for the gassing of hundreds of thousands of victims each (millions altogether). All of these camps were located in Poland, and for good reason. Poland had far more Jews than Germany and the rest of Western Europe combined. The Nazis also felt that the relative remoteness of Poland's rural areas would also minimize reports of mass murder taking place there.

**13. For years, the death statistics at Auschwitz-Birkenau had been put at well over 3 million. Recently, however, a memorial plaque at the former death camp estimates Jewish losses closer to 1 million. Shouldn't the new figures imply that Jewish losses for the Holocaust are much lower than previously thought?**

The figure of 3-4 million murdered at Auschwitz-Birkenau was an invention of communist officials in Poland (and the former U.S.S.R.) which sought to blur the uniqueness of Jewish suffering at Auschwitz. To do this, they purposely overstated the number of non-Jewish casualties at Auschwitz-Birkenau by many times their true numbers. In a clever attempt to disguise the subterfuge, the figures for Jewish losses were inflated by nearly double, so that their losses would still be larger than those of non-Jewish victims, though now by a much smaller ratio. With the end of communism in Poland and the former Soviet Union, officials at the Auschwitz museum finally lowered the casualty figures in line with the estimates of historians who, for years, have insisted that between one and 1 1/2 million people perished at Auschwitz-Birkenau, 80 - 90% of them Jews.

The figure of 6 million Jewish losses during the Holocaust has always been in line with the lower Auschwitz figures.

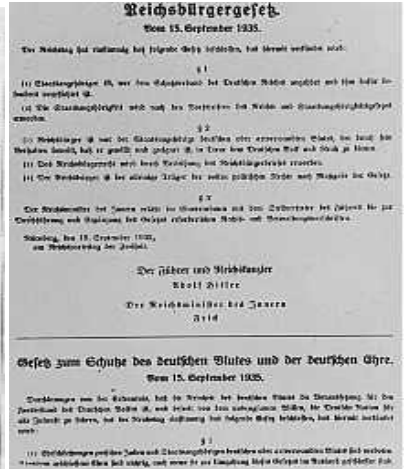
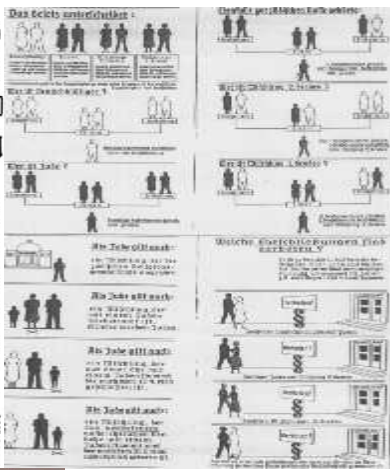
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# "ARTIFACTS AND DOCUMENTS OF THE PATH TO DESTRUCTION"

## STAGE I – "FORCED EMIGRATION" AND DEHUMANIZATION

(VILIFY THEM...IDENTIFY THEM... BOYCOTT THEM...DISENFRANCHISE THEM...SEGREGATE THEM...STRIP THEM OF ALL CIVIL RIGHTS & CITIZENSHIP)



**Juden sind hier unerwünscht**

STAGE II – ISOLATION IN GHETTOS – TOTAL RESTRICTION – CUT OFF FROM INFORMATION – “EVERYTHING WAS ILLEGAL”



Krakau vom 18. November 1939.



Der Distriktschef von Krakau

# ANORDNUNG

## Kennzeichnung der Juden im Distrikt Krakau

Ich ordne an, dass alle Juden im Alter von über 12 Jahren im Distrikt Krakau mit Wirkung vom 1. 12. 1939 ausserhalb ihrer eigenen Wohnung ein sichtbares Kennzeichen zu tragen haben. Dieser Anordnung unterliegen auch nur vorübergehend im Distriktbereich anwesende Juden für die Dauer ihres Aufenthaltes.

Als Jude im Sinne dieser Anordnung gilt:

1. wer der mosaischen Glaubensgemeinschaft angehört oder angehört hat,
  2. jeder, dessen Vater oder Mutter der mosaischen Glaubensgemeinschaft angehört oder angehört hat.
- Als Kennzeichen ist am rechten Oberarm der Kleidung und der Überkleidung eine Armbinde zu tragen, die auf weissem Grunde an der Aussenseite einen blauen Zionstern zeigt. Der weisse Grund muss eine Breite von mindestens 10 cm. haben, der Zionstern muss so gross sein, dass dessen gegenüberliegende Spitzen mindestens 8 cm. entfernt sind. Der Balken muss 1 cm. breit sein.

Juden, die dieser Verpflichtung nicht nachkommen, haben strenge Bestrafung zu gewärtigen. Für die Ausführung dieser Anordnung, insbesondere die Versorgung der Juden mit Kennzeichen, sind die Stellenorte verantwortlich.

Krakau, den 18. 11. 1939.

Der Distriktschef

Vorgedruckte Todesmeldung, wie sie den Angehörigen ermordeter KZ-Häftlinge zugehen.

Konzentrationslager Buchenwald  
Kommunikationsamt

Deutscher Wehrmacht, Im 11. 11.

**Anordnung**  
№ 262  
BEZIRKSPOLIZEI

An die jüdische Bevölkerung des Kreises  
**Kamenets-Podolsk.**

Alle Juden des Kreises, anmassige und solche die sich nur vorübergehend aufhalten, sind verpflichtet, vom 16. Lebensjahre an eine weisse Armbinde mit in blauer Farbe aufgedrucktem sechsackigem Zionstern am rechten Oberarm deutlich sichtbar zu tragen.

Jude ist, oder als Jude gilt:

1. Wer von mindestens drei der Rasse nach, juedischen Grosseitern abstammt;
2. wer zwei juedische Grosseitern hat und sich zum Judentume durch Religionszugehoerigkeit oder Heirat bekennt.

Diese Anordnung tritt innerhalb 24 Stunden nach ihrer oeffentlichen Bekanntmachung in Kraft.

Wer dagegen verstoesst wird streng bestraft.

Der Feldkommandant,  
Die Kreisverwaltung.

**РОЗПОРЯДЖЕННЯ**  
До жидівського населення  
Кам'янець-Подільської області.

Всі жиди міста, повіту та області, незалежно від статі як і ті, що тимчасово перебувають на території міста, повіту та області, а також в самому Кам'янці-Подільському та пригородах, починаючи з 10-ти річного віку життя, зобов'язані носити на правій руці вище ліктя білу повязку з шістьмакутним сіонським зірком синього фарбу, при тому так, щоби повязка була виразно видна.

Жидом є або за жидів вважаться:

1. Той, хто походить найменше з трьох дітів—жидівської раси.
2. Той, хто має двох жидівських дітів та вважаться за жидів по релігійній приналежності, або через одруження.

Розпорядження це набуває чинності протягом 24 години з моменту його оголошення.

За порушення цього розпорядження винного буде суворо покарано.

Польовий Командант,  
Повітова Управа.



באם געטא-טויער ווערט יעדער איינער קאנטראלירט.



*Станке польско-жидовские в своем  
языке могут читать:  
(перевод: польско-жидовские).*

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# STAGE III – PHYSICAL ANNIHILATION — UTILIZING ‘BY-PRODUCTS OF INDUSTRIALIZED DEATH’ FOR GERMANY

Der Reichsmarschall des Großdeutschen Reiches  
 Beauftragter für den Vierjahresplan  
 Vorsitzender des Ministerrats für die Reichsverteidigung

Berlin, den 7.1941

An den  
 Chef der Sicherheitspolizei und des SD  
 Gruppenführer H e y d r i c h  
 Berlin.

In Ergänzung der Ihnen bereits mit Erlass vom 24.1.39 übertragenen Aufgabe, die Judenfrage in Form der Auswanderung oder Evakuierung einer den Zeitverhältnissen entsprechend möglichst günstigsten Lösung zuzuführen, beauftrage ich Sie hiermit, alle erforderlichen Vorbereitungen in organisatorischer, sachlicher und materieller Hinsicht zu treffen für eine Gesamtlösung der Judenfrage im deutschen Einflugsgebiet in Europa.

Sofortne hierbei die Zuständigkeiten anderer Zentralinstanzen berührt werden, sind diese zu beteiligen.

Ich beauftrage Sie weiter, mir in Bälde einen Gesamtentwurf über die organisatorischen, sachlichen und materiellen Voraussetzungen zur Durchführung der angestrebten Endlösung der Judenfrage vorzulegen.

*Jüding*

**Geheime Reichsangelegenheit**

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Vollanfertigung  
16. Anfertigung

Besprechungsprotokoll.

I. An der am 20.1.1942 in Berlin, im Großen Saal Nr. 56/58, stattgefundenen Besprechung über die Endlösung der Judenfrage nahmen teil:

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Geschäftsführer Dr. Meyer und Reichsanwalt Dr. Leibbrandt | Reichsministerium für die besetzten Ostgebiete |
| Staatssekretär Dr. Stuckart                               | Reichsministerium des Innern                   |
| Staatssekretär Neumann                                    | Beauftragter für den Vierjahresplan            |
| Staatssekretär Dr. Freisler                               | Reichsjustizministerium                        |
| Staatssekretär Dr. Bihler                                 | Amt des Generalgouverneurs                     |
| Unterschaatssekretär Luther                               | Answärtiges Amt                                |
| H-Oberführer Klopfer                                      | Partei-Kanzlei                                 |
| Ministerialdirektor Kritzing                              | Reichskanzlei                                  |

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**Bekanntmachung**

Beim Todesstrafe für unbefugtes Verlassen der jüdischen Wohnbezirke.

In der letzten Zeit ist durch Juden, die die ihnen zugewiesenen Wohnbezirke verlassen haben, in zahlreichen Fällen nachteilig der Friede störung verursacht worden. Um die Gesundheit der Bevölkerung deshalb zu schützen, hat der Herr Generalgouverneur verfügt, dass in Zukunft ein Jude, der den ihm zugewiesenen Wohnbezirk unbefugte verlässt, mit dem Tode bestraft wird.

Die gleiche Strafe trifft diejenigen, die diesen Juden unbefugte Unterschlupf gewähren oder in anderer Weise (z. B. durch Gewährung von Nahrungsmitteln, Verpflegung, Mithabe auf Fahrwegen aller Art usw.) den Juden beihilflich sind.

Die Abstrafung erfolgt durch das Sondergericht Warschau.

Ich weise die gesamte Bevölkerung der Distrikt Warschau auf diese neue gesetzliche Bestimmung ausdrücklich hin, da namentlich mit unerwünschter Störung verfahren wird.

Warschau, am 10. November 1941.  
 gen. **Dr. FISCHER**  
 Gouverneur

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**Obwieszczenie**

Dobrych kary śmierci za nieuprzedzone opuszczenie żydowskich dzielnic mieszkaniowych.

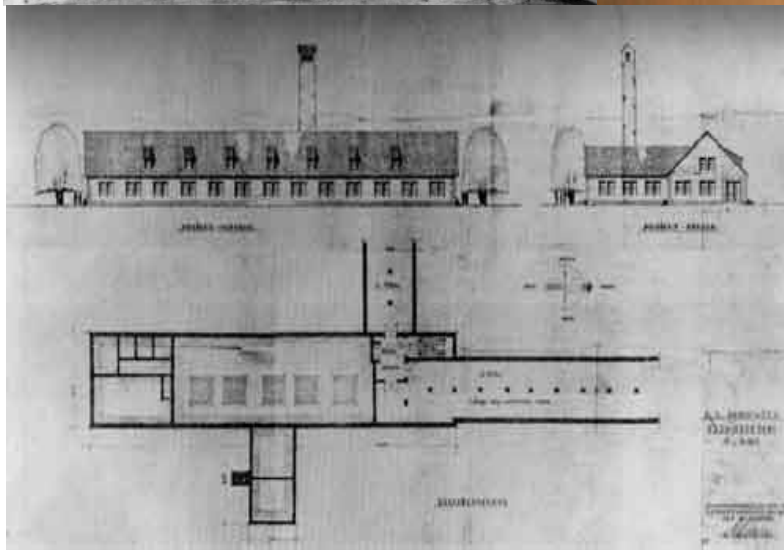
W ostatnim czasie reprezentowali żydów, którzy opuścili wyznaczone im dzielnice mieszkaniowe, w licznych odwołaniach wypadkach tyfus plamisty. Aby zapobiec groźbom w ten sposób niebezpiecznym dla ludności, rozporządził Generalny Gubernator, że żydów, którzy w przyszłości opuścili nieuprzedzone wyznaczone im dzielnice mieszkaniowe, będzie karany śmiercią.

Tę samą karę podlega ten, kto takim żydom udzieli jakiegokolwiek schronienia lub im w inny sposób pomaga (np. przez odwołanie się do rodziny, wystraszanie, przez zabranie na pojazdy wsielkiego rodzaju itp.).

Opuszczenie nastąpi przez Sąd Specjalny w Warszawie.

Zwłaszcza całej ludności Okręgu Warszawskiego wyznaje się, że za nowe postępowanie ustawowe, podobnie jak dotychczas, będzie stosowana bezwzględnie śmierć.

Warszawa, dnia 10 listopada 1941.  
 (-) **Dr. FISCHER**  
 Gubernator



**MATCH THE DESCRIPTIONS TO THE PRECEDING PICTURES OF PRIME-SOURCE ARTIFACTS AND DOCUMENTS**

**STAGE I**

- 1, 2. COVER PAGES - *DER STURMER* ('RITUAL MURDER', STORM OVER JUDAH – BOTTOM CAPTION SAYS '*THE JEWS ARE OUR MISFORTUNE*')
3. RACE CHART
4. PAGE FROM THE 1935 'NUREMBERG LAWS' WHICH STRIPPED JEWS OF CITIZENSHIP AND FORBADE INTER-MARRIAGE
5. PSEUDO-SCIENTIFIC RACE THEORY – CHART FOR DETERMINING PURE VS. MIXED (MISCHLING) PEDIGREE
6. THE NUREMBERG LAWS 'FOR GERMAN BLOOD AND HONOR' PROUDLY ANNOUNCED IN HITLER'S NEWSPAPER: *VOLKISCHER BEOBACHTER*
7. PASSPORTS AND A WOMAN'S IDENTIFICATION CARD
8. A TYPICAL SIGN: 'JEWS NOT WANTED HERE'



'SA' BROWNSHIRTS ENCOURAGING THE 1933 BOYCOTT



ARRESTING JEWS DURING POGROMS OF NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

**STAGE II**

1. PHOTOGRAPH OF LODZ GHETTO STREET WITH BARBED WIRE
2. KRAKOW DISTRICT GHETTO ANNOUNCEMENT
3. MANDATE FROM THE NAZI GOVERNOR OF PODOLSKI: 'JEWS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR STAR OF DAVID ARMBANDS'
4. GHETTO NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCING INSPECTIONS AT ENTRY
5. FINDING PART OF RINGELBLUM'S BURIED 'SECRET GHETTO ARCHIVE'
6. ARTICLE HANDWRITTEN BY DR. EMANUEL RINGELBLUM
7. COVER PAGE – HASHOMER UNDERGROUND GHETTO NEWSPAPER



EPIDEMIC RESTRICTED AREA-ONLY TRANSIT



SELLING ARMBANDS



STARVING MAN BEGGING

**STAGE III**

1. GOERING'S LETTER TO HEYDRICH AUTHORIZING HIM TO 'COORDINATE' THE FINAL SOLUTION – DATED JULY 31, 1941
2. PAGE FROM THE WANNSEE CONFERENCE TRANSCRIPTION
3. WARNING TO POLES: DEATH PENALTY FOR HELPING JEWS
4. GATE TO DEATH CAMP "ARBEIT MACHT FREI"
5. PRISONER'S JACKET
6. USED TINS OF ZYKLON-B HYDROGEN CYANIDE
7. DRAWING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CREMATORIA AT AUSCHWITZ
8. WOMEN'S HAIR PACKAGED AND READY TO SHIP



Рабочие Бжезинь (Бжезинь) (Factor B)  
Область или Промышлен (Factor B)

Le panorama de Bzezinie (Bzezinie) (Factor B)  
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**AUSCHWITZ – A NAME SYNONYMOUS WITH INHUMANITY**



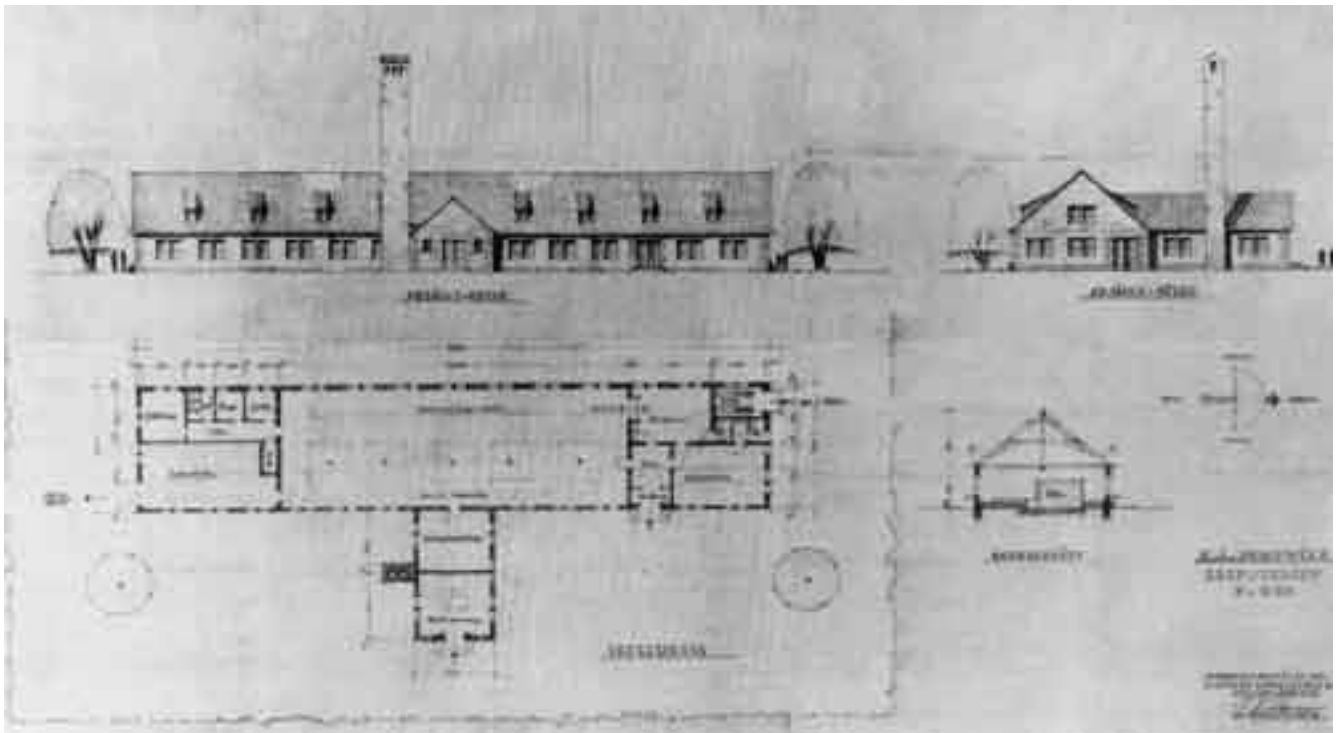
## THE FILM FOR THIS SESSION

### **NAZI DESIGNERS OF DEATH**

NOVA, 1995

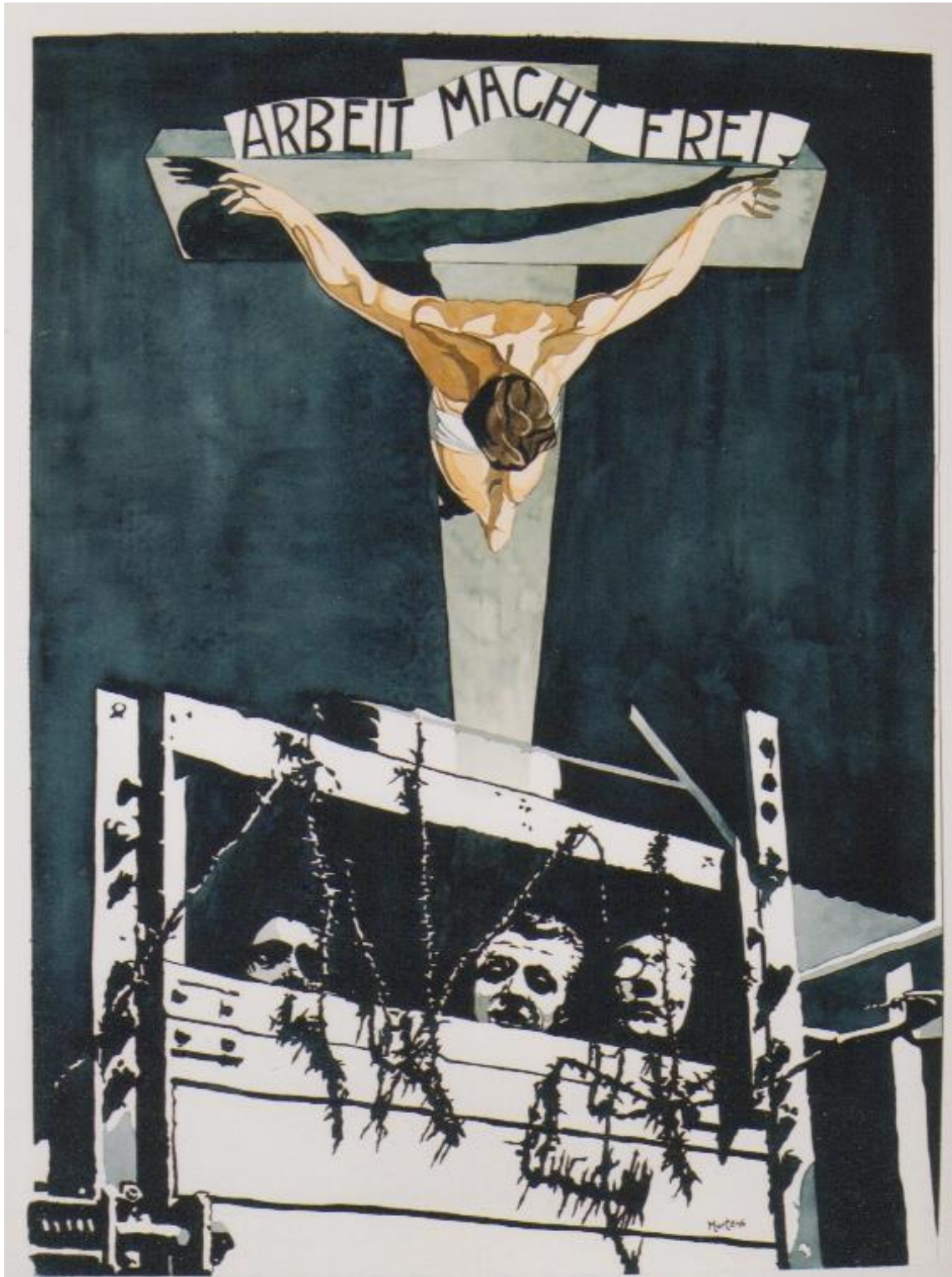
It was the Russians who liberated Auschwitz in January 1945. They took most of the camp records back to Moscow. Nearly fifty years later those files became accessible. This film, perfect for our unit on Historiography, demonstrates the careful use of primary sources such as **signed work-orders** and **blueprints** in scrutinizing the evolution of the Auschwitz Camp Complex into an efficient 'Death Factory' for the implementation of the Final Solution.

This documentary features the fastidious work of Robert Jan van Pelt, a Dutch professor of architecture. Pelt wrote: *The Case for Auschwitz: Evidence for the Irving Trial*. He served as expert witness for Deborah Lipstadt at her trial. David Irving had *sued* Lipstadt for libel because she called him a Holocaust Denier, when in fact *he is* a Denier! He has tried to absolve Hitler, allege that no systematic mass murder of Jews took place, and claim that there were no Gas Chambers at Auschwitz. He is beneath contempt, but because of the British legal system, the burden of proof was on Lipstadt, not Irving! I recommend the 2016 feature film: ***DENIAL***. And of course, I recommend Dr. Lipstadt's book! Also featured in this session's documentary is the noted historian Gerald Fleming, author of: *Hitler and the Final Solution*. An important subtext in this film is the matter of the 'patent' complicity born by the unremorseful engineers, electricians and contractors who willingly designed the instruments and facilities for industrialized mass murder.



Design for a new crematorium at Auschwitz. Autumn, 1941  
With dissection rooms, fuel storeroom, elevator and chute for corpses

# UNIT 12



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| <p><b>UNIT 12</b><br/><b>LECTURE TOPIC</b></p>                          | <p><b>“WHERE WAS GOD?”</b><br/><b>POST-HOLOCAUST THEOLOGICAL REFLECTIONS</b></p>                                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>TEXTBOOK READINGS REQUIRED</b></p>                                | <p>Have completed <i>all</i> textbook readings, <i>including</i> Epilogues</p>                                                                                                                                    |
| <p><b>RECOMMENDED READINGS</b></p>                                      | <p>Eliezer Berkovits – <i>Faith After the Holocaust</i>. KTAV, 1973<br/>Roy and Alice Eckardt – <i>Long Night’s Journey Into Day</i>. 1982</p>                                                                    |
| <p><b>PRIME LEARNING OBJECTIVES</b></p>                                 | <p>Ponder the Theodicy Dilemma Against Nihilistic Evil<br/>Examine a spectrum of Theological Responses to the <i>Shoah</i></p>                                                                                    |
| <p><b>FILM SHOWN</b></p>                                                | <p><b>No Film in this Session</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p><b>FILMS RECOMMENDED</b></p>                                         | <p>“God on Trial” WGBH, 2008<br/>“Repentance: Changing the Future by Confronting the Past” – The Sisters of Mary<br/>“Shadow on the Cross – Part 2” 1990<br/>“To Mend the World” CBC, 1987</p>                    |
| <p><b>PROJECT IDEAS</b></p>                                             | <p>Visit: Canaan in the Desert – Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary<br/>Interview one of the sisters<br/>Help with a Commemorative Ceremony<br/>Find liturgies, songs, readings from <i>Yom ha Shoah Services</i></p> |
| <p><b>STUDY AIDS</b></p>                                                | <p>Charts for the Theodicy and Theology Discussion<br/>Thoughts on: The Holocaust, God and Evil</p>                                                                                                               |
| <p><i>This Section of the Shoah Student Manual is Dedicated To:</i></p> | <p><b><i>All Who Perished</i></b><br/><b><i>Kiddush ha Shem</i></b></p>                                                                                                                                           |

## **SIMPLE THEODICY DISCUSSION**

**GOD EXISTS**

**GOD IS ALL-POWERFUL**

OMNIPOTENT SOVEREIGN ALMIGHTY

**“GOD IS JUST”**

**GOD EXISTS**

**GOD IS ALL-GOOD**

MERCIFUL COMPASSIONATE GRACIOUS

**“GOD IS LOVE”**

**EVIL EXISTS**

EVIL IS REAL, *NOT* “ILLUSION” OR MERE NEGATION

{THE HOLOCAUST WAS HORRENDOUS, GRATUITOUS, EXCESSIVE EVIL}

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| <p>There is NO GOD<br/>God is DEAD</p> <p>Either cruel or<br/>non-existing</p> <p>—R. Rubinstein</p>                                                                                                                                                      | <p>If He's alive,<br/>should he go<br/>on living?</p> <p>He's<br/>not<br/>helping!</p>                                                                                         | <p>GOD SUFFERS WITH US!</p> <p>"In all their afflictions He was afflicted..."<br/>Isa. 63:9</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>GOD<br/>allowed it<br/>dispassionately</p> <p>God is indifferent to<br/>suffering &amp; injustice</p>   | <p>GOD caused it to<br/>punish the Jews</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>Too certain,<br/>Too easy to<br/>be true!</p> <p>denies infinite<br/>source of<br/>meaning and<br/>morality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no final justice</li> <li>no way to say Hitler was wrong</li> <li>no hope for future</li> </ul> | <p>This says, "My God, why have<br/>you forsaken me?"</p> <p>But cannot say, "Into your hands<br/>I commit my spirit."</p> <p>He is helping if we<br/>have eyes to see it!</p> | <p><b>NO EASY ANSWERS</b></p> <p><b>THE PARADOX OF THE<br/>DIVINE/HUMAN<br/>RELATIONSHIP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evil is real</li> <li>Evil is rebellion against God</li> <li>Is God good but weak?</li> <li>Evil is allowed, but not forever</li> <li>He will arise and show mercy on Zion</li> </ul> <p>"He who knows the beginning from<br/>the end will accomplish His purposes."<br/>Isaiah 44</p> | <p>Hiddenness implies<br/>presence, not<br/>absence.<br/>—Berkovits</p> <p>God is not<br/>indifferent.</p> | <p>Too certain,<br/>Too easy to<br/>be true!</p> <p>"A blasphemous<br/>impersonation of<br/>divine providence."<br/>—Maritain</p> <p>"The acme of<br/>injustice."<br/>—Berkovits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Absolves the real<br/>criminals</li> <li>Assuages our<br/>sensibilities &amp;<br/>responsibilities</li> </ul> |

## THE HOLOCAUST, GOD AND EVIL

The **Shoah** is frequently cited in **THEODICY** discussions, it has become *the* Paradigm for **Evil**. It is *the* nadir of human decency, *the* exemplar of horrendous evil, and a scorching burn-hole in the tapestry of world history. It is the **PRIME ACCUSATION AGAINST DIVINE PROVIDENCE**.

*Unspeakable cruelties systematically inflicted upon innocent victims, surrounded by appalling indifference, for a sustained period in modern history...and during all that hellacious torture and murder and despite all those choking cries, please tell me,*

Where was God?



The Shoah challenges us in many dimensions. It is a case-study, a ‘crucible’ for several disciplines:

(International Law; Political Science; Psychology; Sociology; Behavioral Studies; Medical Ethics; Literature...)

But, at the **eye** of this gargantuan storm is the **Theodicy Question: *How*** can we justly reconcile the reality of nihilistic evil and utter depravity, with belief in the existence of a benevolent God?

It seems that this has never been answered satisfactorily, with all due gravity or sufficient sensitivity.

What *would* such an answer sound like within earshot of all these unanswered prayers and screams?

We will, in fact, **not** be offering any definitive response. We will merely recognize the polarities of despair and hope, and incline ourselves to work *toward* the side of hope.

Presented here: Comments on the nature of **evil**, and the *aching uncertainties* of God’s providence.

**“The problem of evil will be the fundamental question of post-war intellectual life.”** ~ Hannah Arendt

“Where does **evil** flourish unimpeded? Where **good** people *lack* the moral outrage and courage to stop it.”

“If you are Neutral in the Face of Injustice, you have chosen the side of the Tyrant.” ~ Desmond Tutu

“Between *doing violence* and *lying* there is the closest and profound natural bond. Whoever has announced **violence** as his method inevitably chooses **lies** as his principle. The simple act of an ordinary courageous man is not to participate in or support the lies. The **lie** will come into the world, even to dominate the world.....  
But let it not come in through me.” ~ Alexander Solzhenitsyn (paraphrased from Nobel address, 1970)

**“It was as though in those last minutes he was summing up the lessons that this long course in human wickedness had taught us—the lesson of the fearsome, word-and-thought-defying banality of evil.”**

~ Hannah Arendt *Eichmann in Jerusalem*, 1963

“If we misunderstand the nature and threat of radical evil in the world, we will be blind-sided by it.”

~ Joel Rosenberg

*“But then I sigh, and with a piece of scripture, Tell them that God bids us do **good for evil**.  
And thus I clothe my naked villainy with odd old ends stolen forth of Holy Writ,  
And I seem a Saint when most I play the Devil.”* ~ William Shakespeare (King Richard III)

“To justify political wrong-doing the state must first create and disseminate the idea that it is doing what is right. ‘**Ideology**’ is a social theory devised to redefine right and wrong *or even to profoundly ‘transvaluate’ good and evil*. Such ideology gives evil-doers the necessary determination to prevail and to disregard all criticism and reproach.” ~ Alexander Solzhenitsyn (paraphrased)

**“Woe unto them that call evil *good*, and good *evil*.”** ~ Isaiah 5:20

One who embraces evil because it is evil, for evil’s sake...we call a *sociopath*. But what is someone who appropriates evil for egoistic ‘good’? And then, what do we call someone who *chooses apathy*? But..... Worst of all, what *pathology* will come when we dissolve the moral categories of good and evil altogether?

“The greatest evil is not done in the sordid dens of crime. It is not even done in concentration camps. In those we see its final result. But it is conceived (moved, seconded, and carried) in neat well-lit offices, ordered by men who need not raise their voices.

**My symbol for Hell is the bureaucracy of a police state...”** ~ C. S. Lewis

“The line dividing **good and evil** cuts through the soul of every human being.” ~ Alexander Solzhenitsyn

“Any account of **evil and suffering** should be: realistic in diagnosis, hopeful in remedy and practical in offering courage and comfort.” ~ Os Guinness

☛ The crucible of *any* worldview, religious or not, is to *account for* and to *deal with* the **Problem of Evil**.

## SHOAH

“The suffering of the **Victims** was **beyond words...**

The bestiality of the **Perpetrators** was **beyond belief...**

The indifference of the **Bystanders** was **beyond excuse**, for in many ways it was indirect collaboration with the **Murderers**. But now, we must ask the most torturous question of all.

We have to ask: **Was God Himself the Ultimate Bystander?!** Lecture, Jan Boville

“I have read and re-read the ‘theological answers’. But the questions remain questions. Maybe someday someone will explain how Auschwitz was possible on the human plane; but on the level of God it will remain the most disturbing of mysteries.” Elie Wiesel

“*Make no statement, theological or otherwise, that would not be credible in the presence of burning children.*”

“After Auschwitz, there must be no more *final solutions*... not even theological ones.”

Rabbi Irving Greenberg

“Those who weren’t there and yet so easily accept the Shoah as God’s will, desecrate *the holy disbelief* of those whose faith was murdered. But on the other hand...Those who weren’t there yet so easily join the atheists, desecrate *the holy faith* of those who died saying the Shema.” Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits

“To be sure, history rages now...a war is waged against the Jews. But the war is really against the Torah...Against the Creator and His purposes. Can anyone doubt which side will *eventually prevail?*”

Zelig Kalmanovich

“Concerning the *Shoah*, rather than ask ‘where was God?’ shouldn’t we ask, ‘where was Man?’

Questions concerning God...how are they answered? *By the actions of those who claim to be His!*”

What is Evil? Malevolence. Violence. Cruelty. Arrogance. Mendacity. **UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.**

It is the iniquitous wreckage of humans as humans by humans. Deliberate *soul* destruction.

*Moral Evil* stems from the **will and soul** of the person, *as do repugnance for and actions against evil!*

*Isn’t it time* we give more regard and care for our **souls?**

*From whence did they come* and to what **Good** must they turn? JMB

“Where was God? Not in the Nazi parades, not in words that inflamed and deceived, not in the souls of those who had *Gott Mit Uns* inscribed in cold steel on the belt buckles of their SS uniforms.”

Elizabeth Maxwell

“Where was God? God was in the cries, the choking, the tears...with every mother who tried to comfort a child...with that father and son at the edge of the pit looking skyward...in every act of courage *and* every shudder of weakness...and in every single selfless act of the 1/20<sup>th</sup> of one percent who saved lives as though they were saving the whole world. God was with the hearts who cried out to Him. God was in the hearts of those who could no longer cry out to Him.

JMB

Science has no cure for evil. Technology only increases the scope and scale of evil and its wretched capacity to destroy. Art often glorifies it. Darwinian humanism can only normalize and justify it as natural ‘struggle.’

It is time to see evil in absolute moral terms...in the distinction between sacred life and deathly sin.

**The future hope** for humanity depends on the realization that we cannot redeem ourselves... This realization leads *not* to despair, but to **repentance** — a humble turning **to God**. (*Teshuva*) And as we turn, we turn in faith, not in rationalistic certainty.

(Trusting in God’s Character even when we *honestly can’t* understand His Providence!)

Also, as we turn, we respect that others will remain in unbelief.

Biblical righteousness must be established in **love**, never by coercion.

Self-righteousness *only* ends up serving the side of Evil, in much the same way that...

Self-worship is *always* Anti-Redemptive. The Nazis demonstrated that in horrific ways.

May we remember the Shoah and honor its victims by learning its lessons.

May we yet find hope *in* God...

May we live in His righteousness, love our neighbors, and repel evil and injustice *wherever* it is found.

May the Holy One of Israel who is True to His Word, truly have the Last Word, as we now conclude this course by reading the rest of that Psalm with which we began...

*Am Yisrael Chai Amen*