



**“The Final Solution to the Jewish Question”:
The Nazi Policy of Extermination**

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Course Description:

The course will examine the development and implementation of the “Final Solution” and various historical theories regarding the Nazis’ decision-making process through reading and analysis of historical literature and some of the key documents from the period. Did Hitler and the Nazi leadership plan to murder the Jews all along, or did they reach this decision at a late date? How and based on what factors was the decision reached? What were the roles of Occupied and Axis societies? What did Jews perceive? The examination will be thematic, geographical, and chronological, and will raise questions regarding the interconnections between different periods, places, and factors that affected policy-making and responses.

Course Requirements

Two 5-page (double-spaced) analytical **response papers** on the readings and, for those who choose, a term paper on a topic of their choice. The response papers can address readings in weeks 3 – 12 and are **due before class begins on the day the topic appears in the syllabus**. Students with relevant language skills (e.g., German, Polish, Russian, Dutch, French, etc.) can write one of the essays on primary or secondary sources in that language, with the instructor’s approval.

Optional: Students may do a 15-20 minute oral presentation in lieu of one written essay.

The **term-paper topic must be approved by the instructor**. **Proposals** for seminar papers (25-30 pages), or short secondary research papers (10-15 pages) should be submitted **by January 5**.

Final Grade, Referat paper

Class Participation 10%
2 Response Papers 40%
Referat Paper 50%

Final Grade, Seminar paper

Class Participation 10%
2 Response Papers 30%
Seminar paper 60%

Final Grade, No term paper

Class Participation 25%
3 Response Papers 75%

Due Dates:

Referat: March 8, 2026

Seminar Paper: September 1, 2026

Required Book:

- Christopher R. Browning, *The Origins of the Final Solution: The Evolution of Nazi Jewish Policy, September 1939 – March 1942* (Jerusalem and Lincoln: Yad Vashem and University of Nebraska Press, 2004)

[Browning in Hebrew and *Documents on the Holocaust* in Hebrew and English available at a 50% discount from Yad Vashem: *Origins* Hebrew – IL 52; *Documents* English – IL 65; *Documents* Hebrew – IL 39 – additional shipping fees apply. Purchase on line, Yad Vashem's Online Store - <https://store.yadvashem.org/en/>; discount code – haifau50]

Sources marked with an asterisk [*] can also be found in Hebrew

Course Outline

Week 1, October 26 A. Stages to the Final Solution Intentionalism and Functionalism

Read at least 2 of the following articles:

- Eberhard Jäckel, "Hitler Orders the Holocaust," in idem, *Hitler in History* (Hanover, NH: University of New England Press, 1984), pp. 44-65

Also available in Michael R. Marrus, ed., *The Nazi Holocaust: Historical Articles on the Destruction of European Jews*; vol. 3, *The "Final Solution": The Implementation of Mass Murder* (Westport, CT: Meckler, 1989), pp. 52-73

- Hans Mommsen, "'The Realization of the Unthinkable': The 'Final Solution of the Jewish Question' in the Third Reich," in Gerhard Hirschfeld, ed., *The Policies of Genocide: Jews and Soviet Prisoners of War in Nazi Germany* (London: Unwin Hyman, 1986), pp. 93-144

Also available in Marrus, ed., *The Nazi Holocaust*, vol. 3, pp. 217-264

*- Saul Friedländer, "From Anti-Semitism to Extermination: A Historiographical Study of Nazi Policies toward the Jews and an Essay in Interpretation," *Yad Vashem Studies*, 16 (1984), pp. 1-50

Also available in Marrus, ed., *The Nazi Holocaust*, vol. 3, pp. 301-350

*- Götz Aly, "'Jewish Resettlement': Reflections on the Political Prehistory of the Holocaust," in Ulrich Herbert, ed., *National Socialist Extermination Policies: Contemporary German Perspectives and Controversies* (New York and Oxford: Berghahn, 2000), pp. 53-82

*- Ian Kershaw, "Hitler's Role in the 'Final Solution'," *Yad Vashem Studies*, 34 (2006), pp. 7-43

B. Nazi Anti-Jewish Policies in the Third Reich in Documents, 1933-1939

*From Yitzhak Arad, Yisrael Gutman, Abraham Margaliot, eds., *Documents on the Holocaust* (Jerusalem: Yad Vashem, 1981):

- Law for the Restoration of the Professional Civil Service, April 7, 1933 + First Regulation for the Implementation of the Law, pp. 39-42
- Nuremberg Laws, September 15, 1935 + First Regulation to the Reich Citizenship Law, pp. 77-80
- Establishment of the Central Office for Jewish Emigration in Vienna, August 1938, pp. 99-101
- Riots of Kristallnacht – Heydrich's Instructions, November 1938, pp. 102-104
- Discussions by the Authorities Following Kristallnacht, pp. 108-115
- Regulation for the Elimination of the Jews from the Economic Life of Germany, November 12, 1938, pp. 115-116
- Regulation for the Payment of an Expiation Fine by Jews Who Are German Subjects,

November 12, 1938, p. 117

- SS Views on the Solution of the Jewish Question, "Jews, What Next?" pp. 118-121
- German Foreign Ministry Memorandum on Policy Regarding Jews in 1938, pp. 126-131
- Extract from the Speech by Hitler, January 30, 1939, pp. 132-135
- The Four-Year Plan, Hitler's Confidential Memo on Autarky, August 1936
on line: http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/sub_document.cfm?document_id=1551, from *Documents on German Foreign Policy: from the Archives of the German Foreign Ministry* (Washington, DC: US Government Printing Office, 1957-1964), Series C (1933-1937), *The Third Reich: First Phase, Volume 5: March 5 – October 31, 1936*, Document Number 490, pp. 853-862

Week 2, November 2 Anti-Jewish Policies in the Third Reich and in Europe, 1939-1941

- Frank Bajohr, "The 'Folk Community' and the Persecution of the Jews: German Society under National Socialist Dictatorship, 1933-1945," *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, 20:2 (Fall 2006), pp. 183-206
- * - Christopher R. Browning, *The Origins of the Final Solution: The Evolution of Nazi Jewish Policy, September 1939 – March 1942* (Jerusalem and Lincoln: Yad Vashem and University of Nebraska Press, 2004), chapter 2, pp. 12-35
- * - Dan Michman, "The Jewish Ghettos under the Nazis and Their Allies: The Reasons Behind Their Emergence," in Guy Miron and Shlomit Shulhani, eds., *The Yad Vashem Encyclopedia of the Ghettos during the Holocaust* (Jerusalem: Yad Vashem, 2009), pp. xiii-xxxix

Documents

*From *Documents on the Holocaust*:

- Instructions by Heydrich on Policy and Operations Concerning Jews in Occupied Territories, September 21, 1939, pp. 173-178
- Identifying Marks for Jews in the Government-General, November 23, 1939, pp. 178-179
- Ban on Changes of Place of Residence by Jews Within the Area of the Government-General, December 11, 1939, pp. 179-180
- From a Discussion on the Compulsory Evacuation of the Jewish Population of the Wartheland to the Government-General, January 30, 1940, pp. 183-185
- Establishment of the Judenräte, November 28, 1939, pp. 191-192
- Extracts from the Warsaw Ghetto Diary of Chaim A. Kaplan, pp. 201-204
- Vermerk: Amtschef und Einsatzgruppenleiterbesprechung, 27 September 1939
- Himmler's "Reflections on the Treatment of Peoples of Alien Races in the East," in Yehuda Bauer, *A History of the Holocaust*, 2nd edition (New York: Franklin Watts, 2001), Appendix, pp. 383-385

- Statuts des Juifs, October 3 – 4, 1940; June 2, 1941 (from Richard H. Weisberg, *Vichy Law and the Holocaust in France* [New York: New York University Press for the Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism, 1996], pp. 39, 56, 59)

Recommended:

- Wolfgang Benz, “Exclusion as a Stage in Persecution: The Jewish Situation in Germany, 1933-1941,” in David Bankier and Israel Gutman, eds., *Nazi Europe and the Final Solution* (Jerusalem: Yad Vashem, 2003), pp. 40 – 52
- Christopher R. Browning, “Introduction,” in Martin Dean and Geoffrey P. Megargee, ed., *The Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos, 1933-1945, Volume 2, Ghettos in German-Occupied Eastern Europe* (Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press and The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2012), pp. xxvi-xxxix

Week 3, November 9 Ghettos and “Territorial Solutions”

- *Browning, *The Origins of the Final Solution*, chaps 3-4, pp. 36-168
- *Excerpts from: *The Yad Vashem Encyclopedia of the Ghettos during the Holocaust* and *The Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos, Volume 2, Ghettos in German-Occupied Eastern Europe*.

Students should read entries for 2 ghettos in 2 different areas or zones of Nazi control, in both ghetto encyclopedias (4 entries in all) – one ghetto in a medium or large community (more than 20,000 Jews) and one in a small community.

Documents

- An Anonymous Letter Forwarded to Himmler Regarding a Deportation of Jews to Eastern Poland, March 1940, http://www1.yadvashem.org/odot_pdf/Microsoft%20Word%20-%205061.pdf
- Order to establish the Lublin Ghetto, March 20, 1941

*From Documents on the Holocaust:

- Deportation of Jews from Austria to Nisko (Lublin), October 1939, pp. 143-144
- Instructions for the Deportation of the Jews from the Palatinate (Pfalz), October 1940, pp. 145-147
- Escape of Jews from Poland to the Soviet Union at the Beginning of the War, pp. 189-191
- Report by Uebelhoer on the Establishment of the Ghetto in Lodz, December 10, 1939, pp. 192-195
- Directives Issued by the Head of the Department for Jewish Affairs on Policies Concerning Treatment of Jews in the Government-General, April 6, 1940, pp. 195-197

- The Madagascar Plan, July 1940, pp. 216-218
- From a Speech by Frank on the Madagascar Plan, July 12, 1940, p. 218
- Regulation for the Ban on Jewish Emigration from the Government-General, November 1940, pp. 219-220
- Order by Fischer on the Establishment of a Ghetto in Warsaw, October 2, 1940, pp. 220-221

Week 4, November 16 A. 1941 – Shooting the Jews

- Gerhard Weinberg, *A World at Arms: A Global History of World War II*, New Edition (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005), chapter 5, pp. 264-309
[The same chapter from the first edition of this book may also be used]
- * - Yitzhak Arad, *The Holocaust in the Soviet Union* (Jerusalem and Lincoln: Yad Vashem and University of Nebraska Press, 2009), chaps. 8-9, pp. 88-121
- * - Browning, *The Origins of the Final Solution*, chaps 6-7 (with Jürgen Matthäus), pp. 213-308
- Yehoshua Büchler, "Kommandostab Reichsführer-SS: Himmler's Personal Murder Brigades in 1941," *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, 1:1 (1986), pp. 11-25

B. The Churches and the Holocaust

Jonathan Huener, "The Churches and the Holocaust," in Marion Kaplan and Natalia Aleksion, eds., *The Victims and Their Worlds: 1939-1945*, Volume 3 of *The Cambridge History of the Holocaust*, General Editor Mark Roseman (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2025), pp. 38-52

From Carol Rittner, Stephen Smith, and Irena Steinfeldt, eds., *The Holocaust and the Christian World* (London: Kuperard, for Beth Shalom and Yad Vashem, 2000)

- Carol Rittner and John Roth, "What is Antisemitism?" pp. 34-36
- Franklin Littell, "German Christians in the Third Reich," pp. 44-47
- Victoria J. Barnett, "German Churches: Compliance and Confrontation," pp. 55-58
- Biography of Ludwig Müller, p. 62
- Biography of Martin Niemöller, p. 63
- Dariusz Libionka, "Catholic Church in Poland," pp. 74-78
- Renée Bedarida, "Catholic Hierarchy in France," pp. 83-86
- Michael R. Marrus, "French Protestant Churches," pp. 88-91
- Ger van Roon, "Dutch Protestants," pp. 93-96
- Carol Rittner, "Denmark and the Holocaust," pp. 97-100
- Edward McGlynn Gaffney Jr., "Bulgaria and the Holocaust," pp. 101-03
- Livia Rothkirchen, "Churches in Slovakia," pp. 104-07
- Yitzhak Arad, "Christian Churches in the Occupied USSR," pp. 108-111
- Biography of Andrei Szeptyckyj, p. 112

Biography of Jozef Tiso, p. 113

Ernst Klee, Willi Dressen, and Volker Riess, "Massacre of Children in Byelaya Tserkov and Military Chaplains," pp. 118-123

Recommended:

Carol Rittner and Stephen D. Smith, "Chronology," pp. 17-28

"Comparison of Canonical Law and Nazi Anti-Jewish Measures," Table, p. 37

Doris Bergen, "German Protestants and the Holocaust," pp. 48-54

Michael Phayer, "German Catholic Churches," pp. 59-61

Christine King, "Responses Outside Mainstream Catholic/Protestant Churches," pp. 64-67

John T. Pawlikowski, "Response of Polish Church to the Holocaust," pp. 79-82

Week 5, November 23 The First Six Months of Murder – Documents

*From Documents on the Holocaust:

- Extracts from a Report by Einsatzgruppe A in the Baltic Countries, 1941, pp. 389-393
- Göring Orders Heydrich to Prepare a Plan for the "Final Solution to the Jewish Problem," July 31, 1941, p. 233
- Supplementary Regulations for the Ban on Changes of Residence by Jews in the Government-General, October 15, 1941, p. 181
- Report by Einsatzgruppe C, November 3, 1941, in Jeremy Noakes and Geoffrey Pridham, eds., *Nazism: A History in Documents and Eyewitness Accounts, 1919-1945*, Volume 2, *Foreign Policy, War and Racial Extermination* (New York: Schocken and University of Exeter Press, 1984), pp. 1095-1096
- The Jäger Report, December 1, 1941, in Ernst Klee, Wili Dressen, and Volker Reiss, eds. *"The Good Old Days": The Holocaust as Seen by Its Perpetrators and Bystanders* (New York: Free Press, 1988), pp. 46-58
- Order Banning the Emigration of Jews from the Reich, October 1941
http://www1.yadvashem.org/odot_pdf/Microsoft%20Word%20-%203264.pdf
- Report on the Shooting of Jews and Gypsies, November 1, 1941
http://www1.yadvashem.org/odot_pdf/Microsoft%20Word%20-%205320.pdf
- Report by Police Officer Salitter, December 11, 1941
http://www1.yadvashem.org/odot_pdf/Microsoft%20Word%20-%203288.pdf

Lithuania as a Case Study:

- David Bankier, *Expulsion and Extermination: Holocaust Testimonials from Provincial Lithuania* (Jerusalem: Yad Vashem, 2011), pp. 16-41; 96-160 (choose sections)
- Kazimierz Sakowicz, *Ponary Diary 1941 – 1945: A Bystander's Account of a Mass Murder*, edited by Yitzhak Arad (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2005), pp. 11-43
- Nathan Cohen, "The Destruction of the Jews of Butrimonys as Described in a Farewell Letter from a Local Jew," *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, 4:3 (1989), pp. 357-375

Week 6, November 30 The Spread of the Murder, 1941-1942

- * - Browning, *The Origins of the Final Solution*, chaps 8-9, pp. 309-423
- * - Shmuel Krakowski, *Chelmno, A Small Village in Europe: The First Nazi Mass Extermination Camp* (Jerusalem: Yad Vashem, 2009), pp. 21-80
- * From *Documents on the Holocaust*:
- Protocol of the Wannsee Conference, January 20, 1942, pp. 249-261

Week 7, December 7 "Operation Reinhard"

- * - Yitzhak Arad, "'Operation Reinhard': Extermination Camps of Belzec, Sobibor and Treblinka," *Yad Vashem Studies*, 16 (1984), pp. 205-240
- * - Dieter Pohl, "The Murder of the Jews in the General Government," in Herbert, ed., *National Socialist Extermination Policies*, pp. 83-103
- Peter Witte and Stephen Tyas, "A New Document on the Deportation and Murder of Jews during 'Einsatz Reinhardt', 1942," *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, 15:3 (Winter 2001), pp. 468-486

Read 2 of the following articles:

- * - Rachel Feldhay Brenner, "The Anatomy of Rescue: The Wartime Diary of Aurelia Wyleżyńska, 1939-1944," *Yad Vashem Studies*, 40:1 (2012), pp. 23-47
- * - Jan Grabowski, "Rural Society and the Jews in Hiding: Elders, Night Watches, Firefighters, Hostages and Manhunts," *Yad Vashem Studies*, 40:1 (2012), pp. 49-74
- * - Alina Skibińska and Jakub Petelewicz, "The Participation of Poles in Crimes against Jews in the Świętokrzyskie Region," *Yad Vashem Studies*, 35:1 (2007), pp. 5-48

* - Havi Ban-Sasson and Lea Preiss, “Twilight Days: Missing Pages from Avraham Lewin’s Warsaw Ghetto Diary, May-July 1942,” *Yad Vashem Studies*, 33 (2005), pp. 7-60

* - Lea Prais, “An Unknown Chronicle: From the Literary Legacy of Rabbi Shimon Huberband, Warsaw Ghetto, May-June 1942,” *Yad Vashem Studies*, 38:1 (2010), pp. 61-104

*From Documents on the Holocaust:

- Protocol of the General Meeting of the Judenrat in Lublin on March 31, 1942, pp. 269-272
- Proposal for the Sterilization of 2-3 Million Jewish Workers, June 23, 1942, pp. 272-273
- Signed Obligation by SS Men Taking Part in an Extermination Operation to Observe Secrecy, July 18, 1942, pp. 274-275
- Order by Himmler, July 19, 1942, for the Completion of the “Final Solution” in the Government-General, pp. 275-276
- Announcement of the Evacuation of the Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto, July 22, 1942, pp. 281-282

- Memo by Fritz Reuter, Lublin, March 17, 1942
- Deportation order, Lublin, March 17, 1942
- Memo by Richard Türk, March 30, 1942
- Letter from Włodawa, June 1, 1942

Week 8, December 14 A Global Solution, 1942-1943 – 1
(Paper Proposals Due)

Overview

- Peter Longerich, “Policy of Destruction: Nazi Anti-Jewish Policy and the Genesis of the ‘Final Solution’,” United States Holocaust Memorial Museum lecture, 30pp., <http://www.ushmm.org/m/pdfs/20050726-longerich.pdf>
- Christopher R. Browning, Peter Hayes, and Raul Hilberg, *German Railroads, Jewish Souls: The Reichsbahn, Bureaucracy and the Final Solution* (New York: Berghahn with the USHMM, 2020):

Required: Hilberg, pp. 19-49, and Hayes, pp. 121-139;

Recommended: entire volume

* - Raul Hilberg, *The Destruction of the European Jews*, revised edition (New York and London: Holmes and Meier, 1985), vol. 2, Chapter 8, opening section of sub-chapter “The Semi-Circular Arc,” pp. 543-554 [or 3rd Edition (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2003), pp. 571-583]

- Extension of the Deportation of Jews from Occupied Countries and Italy
http://www1.yadvashem.org/odot_pdf/Microsoft%20Word%20-%205221.pdf

In Addition to the Above - Each student should focus on 1 of the following 2 sections:

A. The Third Reich and the “Protectorate”

- * - Hilberg, *Destruction*, pp. 407-481 [3rd edition, pp. 424-501]
- * - Wolf Gruner, “Poverty and Persecution: The Reichsvereinigung, the Jewish Population, and Anti-Jewish Policy in the Nazi State, 1939-1945,” *Yad Vashem Studies*, 27 (1999), pp. 23-60
- Eichmann Informs Jews of Deportations from Austria and of Theresienstadt
http://www1.yadvashem.org/odot_pdf/Microsoft%20Word%20-%204679.pdf

B. Western Europe, Scandinavia, the Middle East, and North Africa

- * - Hilberg, *Destruction*, pp. 554-679 [or 3rd edition, pp. 583-723]
- Order to Wear the Yellow Star, Netherlands, April 28, 1942
http://www1.yadvashem.org/odot_pdf/Microsoft%20Word%20-%202430.pdf
- German, French, and Jewish Organizations in Occupied France
http://www1.yadvashem.org/odot_pdf/Microsoft%20Word%20-%205226.pdf
- Eichmann Memo to Rademacher, June 22, 1942
http://www1.yadvashem.org/odot_pdf/Microsoft%20Word%20-%202429.pdf

And 1 of the following articles:

- * - Klaus-Michael Mallmann and Martin Cüppers, “‘Elimination of the Jewish National Home in Palestine’: The Einsatzkommando of the Panzer Army Africa, 1942,” *Yad Vashem Studies*, 35:1 (2007), pp. 111-141
- Michael R. Marrus, “Coming to Terms with Vichy,” *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, 9:1 (Spring 1995), pp. 23-41
- * - Liliana Picciotto, “Statistical Tables on the Holocaust in Italy, with An Insight on the Mechanism of the Deportations,” *Yad Vashem Studies*, 33 (2005), pp. 307-346
- * - Insa Meinen, “Facing Deportation: How Jews Were Arrested in Belgium,” *Yad Vashem Studies*, 36:1 (2008), pp. 39-72
- Peter Romijn, “The War, 1940-1945,” in J.C.H. Blom, et al., eds., *The History of the Jews in the Netherlands* (Oxford: Littmann Library of Jewish Civilization, 2002), pp. 296-335

December 21

No Class – Hanukkah

Week 9, December 28

A Global Solution, 1942-1944 – 2

Each student should focus on 1 of the following 2 sections:

A. The Balkans – Serbia, Greece, Croatia, Slovakia

* - Hilberg, *Destruction*, pp. 679-742[or 3rd edition, pp. 723-792]

- Menachem Shelach, “Sajmište – An Extermination Camp in Serbia,” *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, 2:2 (1987), pp. 243-260

- Yehoshua Büchler, “The Deportation of Slovakian Jews to the Lublin District of Poland in 1942,” *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, 6:2 (1991), pp. 151-166

- Andrew Apostolou, “‘The Exception of Salonika’: Bystanders and Collaborators in Northern Greece,” *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, 14:2 (Fall 2000), pp. 165-196

- Instructions to the Jewish Community of Salonika on Wearing the Yellow Star
http://www1.yadvashem.org/odot_pdf/Microsoft%20Word%20-%202421.pdf

- German Instructions on Organizing the Jewish Community of Salonika
http://www1.yadvashem.org/odot_pdf/Microsoft%20Word%20-%202405.pdf

B. The Balkans – Bulgaria, Romania

* - Hilberg, *Destruction*, pp. 742-796[or 3rd edition, pp. 792-853]

- The Evacuation of the Jewish Population from the Banat
http://www1.yadvashem.org/odot_pdf/Microsoft%20Word%20-%205327.pdf

- Plan for the Extermination of Romanian Jewry, Gustav Richter
http://www1.yadvashem.org/odot_pdf/Microsoft%20Word%20-%205402.pdf

- Ethan J. Hollander, “The Final Solution in Bulgaria and Romania: A Comparative Perspective,” *East European Politics and Societies*, 22 (2008), pp. 203-248

- Dennis Deletant, “Transnistria and the Romanian Solution to the ‘Jewish Problem’,” in Wendy Lower and Ray Brandon, eds., *The Shoah in Ukraine: History, Testimony, Memorialization* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2010), pp. 156-189

* - Diana Dumitru, "The Attitude of the Non-Jewish Population of Bessarabia and Transnistria to the Jews during the Holocaust: A Survivors' Perspective," *Yad Vashem Studies*, 37:1 (2009), pp. 53-83

Week 10, January 4 A Global Solution, 1942-1944 – 3

Each student should focus on 1 of the following sections:

A. Hungary

* - Hilberg, *Destruction*, pp. 796-860 [3rd edition, pp. 853-920]

Robert Rozett, "Hungary and the Jews. From Golden Age to Destruction, 1895-1945," *Online Encyclopedia of Mass Violence*, <https://www.sciencespo.fr/mass-violence-war-massacre-resistance/fr/node/3023>

* - Judit Molnár, "The Foundation and Activities of the Hungarian Jewish Council, March 20 - July 7, 1944," *Yad Vashem Studies*, 30 (2002), pp. 93-123

* - László Karsai, "The 'Jewish Policy' of the Szalasi Regime," *Yad Vashem Studies*, 40:1 (2012), pp. 119-156

A. USSR, Ukraine, Belorussia

* - Arad, *The Holocaust in the Soviet Union*, chaps. 18-22, pp. 251-311

- John-Paul Himka, "The Ukrainian Insurgent Army and the Holocaust," Paper prepared for the forty-first national convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, 12-15 November 2009, 28 pp.
http://www.academia.edu/1071581/The_Ukrainian_Insurgent_Army_UPA_and_the_Holocaust

- Karel Berkhoff and Marco Carynnyk, "The Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists and Its Attitude toward Germans and Jews: Iaroslav Stets'ko's 1941 *Zhyttiepys*," *Harvard Ukrainian Studies*, 23, no. 3-4 (1999), pp. 149-184

- Martin Dean, *Collaboration in the Holocaust: Crimes of the Local Police in Belorussia and Ukraine, 1941-44* (New York: St. Martin's Press in association with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2000), chaps. 4-5, pp. 60-104

Week 11, January 11 Auschwitz-Birkenau

* - Yisrael Gutman, "Auschwitz – An Overview," in Yisrael Gutman and Michael Berenbaum, eds., *Anatomy of the Auschwitz Death Camp* (Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University

Press and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 1994), pp. 1-33

* - Raul Hilberg, "Auschwitz and the Final Solution," in Gutman and Berenbaum, eds., *Anatomy of the Auschwitz Death Camp*, pp. 81-92

* - Leo Eitinger, "Auschwitz – A Psychological Perspective," in Gutman and Berenbaum, eds., *Anatomy of the Auschwitz Death Camp*, pp. 469-482

* - Robert Jay Lifton, "Medicalized Killing in Auschwitz," in Israel Gutman and Avital Saf, eds., *The Nazi Concentration Camps: Structure and Aims, The Image of the Prisoner, The Jews in the Camps* (Jerusalem: Yad Vashem, 1984), pp. 207-233

* - Nathan Cohen, "Diaries of the Sonderkommandos in Auschwitz: Coping With Fate and Reality," *Yad Vashem Studies*, 20 (1990), pp. 273-312

Week 12, January 2 Forced Labor and the Final Solution

Wolf Gruner, *Jewish Forced Labor under the Nazis: Economic Needs and Racial Aims, 1938-1944* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2006), Conclusion, pp. 276-295

Donald Bloxham, "Jewish Slave Labour and Its Relationship to the 'Final Solution'," in John K. Roth and Elisabeth Maxwell, eds., *Remembering for the Future: The Holocaust in an Age of Genocide* (London: Palgrave, 2001), pp. 163-186

* - Felicja Karay, "The Conflict among German Authorities over Jewish Slave Labor Camps in the General Government," *Yalkut Moreshet*, 2 (2004), pp. 221-245

* - Yisrael Gutman, "The Concept of Labor in Judenrat Policy," in idem, ed., *Patterns of Jewish Leadership in Nazi Europe 1933-1945* (Jerusalem: Yad Vashem, 1979), pp. 151-180

Sara Bender, "Jewish Slaves in Forced Labour Camps in Kielce, September 1942 – August 1944," *Polin*, 23 (2011), pp. 437-463

Week 13, January 26 Summing Up

Korherr Report

<http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/pdf/eng/English42.pdf>

Odilo Globocnik's Summary Reports on "Operation Reinhard," in *Trials of War Criminals Before the Nuernberg Military Tribunals* (Washington, DC: GPO, 1950), pp. 538-545; 704-709; 714-720; 725-731