

Offered for Spring 1998:

THE HOLOCAUST:
ORIGINS, SURVIVORS AND SUCCESSOR GENERATIONS

Course Outline

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1. An overview of the topics and offerings: In this first meeting, Gerda Lederer will offer a short factual overview of the history of the Holocaust and talk briefly about the topics that have been selected for a closer look in the subsequent sessions. The meeting should include a discussion of questions that the audience would like to hear discussed during the course.
2. The resistors: there were those who joined the underground organizations in the countries they had fled to and fought with others in the underground. RENEE WIENER was one of those. She will come and speak about her life in the French Resistance.
3. The ghetto fighters: there were those who fought in the confines of the Jewish ghettos. IRENE SHAPIRO who survived in a Polish ghetto and in the concentration camps will report about her experiences in the resistance.
4. The Holocaust survivors and Austrian antisemitism: Jews in Austria after 1945.
5. An Auschwitz survivor becomes a voice of the German Holocaust survivors: with her published works and as editor of the only remaining US-based German language newspaper, Gertrude Schneider will speak about her mission and her work.
6. The Holocaust and the Germans: Mastery or suppression?
7. "Light from the Ashes: How surviving the Holocaust affected the life and research of social scientists" - a preview of a work in progress.
8. Daniel Goldhagen and the Holocaust, Part I: His thesis and the reception in the US.
9. Daniel Goldhagen and the Holocaust, Part II: The stormy reception in Germany - the scholars and the public.
10. Another group of Holocaust survivors: What happened to those to whom "nothing happened"? Dorit Whiteman, the author of a book on that subject, will speak about revisiting the people and the sites in her quest of the oral history of these subjects.

11. During the War, 10,000 Jewish children, thereafter known as the "Kinder", were admitted to England to save them from the Holocaust. Their parents were not permitted to accompany them. Kurt G., one of the "Kinder", will tell about his experiences and those of others who fled on those trains.

12. How have the children of Holocaust survivors dealt with the suffering inflicted on their parents? How have the children of the murderers dealt with the knowledge about their parents? "One-by-One", an organization of offsprings of the perpetrators and victims *struggle with those issues.*

13. Gerda Lederer and her work: An intercultural comparison of adolescent authoritarianism over five decades and its relation to the Holocaust. - If time permits, Spielberg's collection of oral history video tapes will be discussed on hand of the example of Gerda Lederer's recorded interview.
