

The Pen and the Sword: Jewish Resistance to the Holocaust

Session I: The Fight for Europe's Jews

Readings:

- Excerpts from "Evidence Submitted to the Palestine Royal Commission (1937)," in *The Zionist Idea: A Historical Analysis and Reader*, ed. Arthur Hertzberg (1997).
- "Jabotinsky Asks Jews for Army of 100,000," *The New York Times* (June 1940).
- "Biography of Peter Bergson (Hillel Kook)," The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.
- Rafael Medoff, "How Peter Bergson Brought Activism to the Mainstream," The David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies (June 2016).
- Optional: Rikki Novetsky, "The Rabbis Take Washington," *Tablet Magazine* (September 2015).

Session II. The Oyneg Shabbas Archive

Readings:

- "Biography of Emanuel Ringelblum and the Oyneg Shabbas" and accompanying photographs, The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.
- "Biography of Rachel Auerbach," YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.
- Emanuel Ringelblum, "Thoughts About Resistance and its Consequences are Evoked When News About Massacre Reach the Ghetto," in *Yad Vashem Studies IIV*, ed. Joseph Kermish (1968).
- "From the Diary of Emanuel Ringelblum on the Women Fighters in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising," in *To Live with Honor and Die with Honor! Selected Documents from the Warsaw Ghetto Underground Archives "O.S" ["Oneg Shabbath"]*, ed. Joseph Kermish (1986).
- Optional: Samuel D. Kassow, *Who Will Write Our History? Emanuel Ringelblum, the Warsaw Ghetto and the Oyneg Shabbas Archive*, review by Jack Fischel, Jewish Book Council (January 2012).

Session III. The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

Readings:

- "Overview of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising," The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.
- Eyewitness Accounts of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, various sources.
- Robert Philpot, "Modern Maccabees: UK Exhibit Highlights Jews' Overlooked Resistance to the Nazis," *The Times of Israel* (December 2020).

Session IV. Human Rights and Reparations after the Shoah

Readings:

- "Biography of Jacob Robinson," YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.
- "Biography of Menachem Begin," The Menachem Begin Heritage Center.
- Knesset Debate, "Reparations from Germany," Sitting 38, 7 January 1952," Center for Israel Education.
- Optional: "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

V. Holocaust Legacy and Remembrance

Readings:

- “Biography of Deborah Lipstadt,” The Jewish Women’s Archive.
- Sarah Lyell, “Critic of a Holocaust Denier is Cleared in British Libel Suit,” *The New York Times* (April 2000).
- Bradley Martin, “Judy’s Story – the Heroism of a Canadian who Smuggled Jews out of Syria,” *The Jerusalem Post* (March 2020).
- Harold Troper, *The Rescuer: The Amazing True Story of How One Woman Helped Save the Jews of Syria* (2007), pp. 143-146.