



Dr. Stephen Berk

Dr. Stephen M. Berk is a professor of history at Union College and holder of the Henry and Sally Schaffer Chair of Holocaust and Jewish Studies. He is also the recipient of the Florence B. Sherwood Chair in History and Culture and a consultant to the Wiesenthal Holocaust Center.

A gifted presenter, Dr. Berk has lectured on the Holocaust at distinguished higher education institutions such as Princeton University, Vanderbilt University, The University of Texas at Austin, and Williams College. In addition, he has lectured extensively in the former Soviet Union, Israel, Egypt, and Poland.

Professor Berk is the author of *Year of Crisis, Year of Hope: Russian Jewry and the Pogroms of 1881-1882* and numerous articles on Russian history, Russian-Jewish history, anti-Semitism, and American policy in the Middle East.

A native of New York City, Dr. Berk received his B.A. in history from the University of Pennsylvania, his Master's degree from the University of Chicago, and his Ph.D. from Columbia University.

Dr. Stephen Berk Lecture Series

2010 Dates

Sept. 13, Sept. 20, Sept. 27,
Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 18

Time

7:30 PM

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The Holocaust Revisited

Monday, September 13 7:30 PM

I. The Birth of Christianity and the Evolution of Anti-Judaism into Anti-Semitism

The doctrine of deicide poisoned relations between Christians and Jews for almost two millennia. The coming of modernity brought additional accusations against the Jews.



German soldiers cut the beard of an elderly Jew in Poland.



Anti-Semitism

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IV. The Invasion of the Soviet Union and the Destruction of Soviet Jewry

On June 22, 1941, Hitler launched the invasion of the Soviet Union. Special mobile killing squads composed primarily of German SS and German Security Police, murdered approximately 1,500,000 Jews. On the other hand, the forests in the German occupied areas were conducive to the development of partisan warfare.



The invasion of Poland.

Monday, September 20 7:30 PM

II. The Rise of Hitler

Personality counts in history. The appearance of Hitler on the world scene brought the Nazis to power, plunged the world into war, and brought about the Holocaust.



The children at Auschwitz.



Entrance to Auschwitz

Monday, October 11 7:30 PM

V. Other Forms of Destruction

In Western Europe and Scandinavia, the Holocaust evolved differently from the way it occurred in the eastern part of the continent. France, Denmark, Hungary, and Rumania are interesting variations of the implementation of the Final Solution.

Monday, September 27 7:30 PM

III. Poles and Jews: A Bittersweet Encounter

The history of the Jews in Poland is interesting and complex. Jews experienced both relative tolerance and rabid anti-Semitism. On September 1, 1939, the apocalypse descended upon Polish Jewry. Polish neighbors had varied responses to the catastrophe.

Monday, October 18 7:30 PM

VI. The Bystanders

Pope Pius XII, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and the International Committee of the Red Cross could have done more to save the Jews, but failed to do so. The behavior of these and other bystanders is one of the most controversial issues of the Holocaust today.

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