

## *Holocaust-Israel Connections*

### *Suggested Titles*

Achcar, Gilbert. **The Arabs and the Holocaust: The Arab-Israeli War of Narratives.** New York: Macmillan, 2010. (“In this study Gilbert Achcar exposes a great deal of spurious scholarship on the subject and places Arab attitudes towards the Holocaust and the Jews in their proper historical and intellectual context. It is an erudite, perceptive, and highly original study that shines much-needed light on a field which has tended to be dominated by partisanship and propaganda.” – Avi Shlaim “This is a work of breath-taking empathy, examining one of the most painful and emotion-laden topics in the modern world with dispassion, sensitivity and high erudition. Gilbert Achcar combines a historian’s profound understanding of the workings of Arab political discourse with a fine appreciation of the traumatic valence of every aspect of this topic. This magisterial study constitutes a welcome advance on the often meretricious and mediocre scholarship produced thus far on the important topic of the Arabs and the Holocaust.”—Rashid Khalidi)

Finkelstein, Norman. **The Holocaust Industry: Reflections on the Exploitation of Jewish Suffering.** New York: Verso, 2001. (“His basic argument that memories of the Holocaust are being debased is serious and should be given its due. — *The Economist* / When it comes to analyzing how ‘The Holocaust’ has been employed to advance political interests, Finkelstein is at his best. — *The Nation*)

Novick, Peter. **The Holocaust in American Life.** New York: Houghton Mifflin, 1999. (“Prize-winning historian Peter Novick illuminates the reasons Americans ignored the Holocaust for so long — how dwelling on German crimes interfered with Cold War mobilization; how American Jews, not wanting to be thought of as victims, avoided the subject. He explores in absorbing detail the decisions that later moved the Holocaust to the center of American life: Jewish leaders invoking its memory to muster support for Israel and to come out on top in a sordid competition over what group had suffered most; politicians using it to score points with Jewish voters. With insight and sensitivity, Novick raises searching questions about these developments.” —Mariner Books)

Segev, Tom. **The Seventh Million: The Israelis and the Holocaust.** Translated by Haim Watzman. New York: First Owl Books, 2000. (“In his telling – based on thousands of archival documents and numerous interviews – the Holocaust became a political football in the hands of the various factions that continue to plague Israel. Few idols are left unscathed here – not Chaim Weizmann, not Ben-Gurion, not Menachem Begin.” —*Kirkus Reviews*)

### *Related Titles*

Burg, Avraham. **The Holocaust is Over; We Must Rise from Its Ashes.** New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008. (“This is an important book by a very courageous man. The shadow of the Shoah and its abusive application to the contemporary Middle East have been a catastrophe for Jews, Israelis and Arabs alike. In Burg’s view Israel must move beyond Hitler’s poisoned legacy. If they cannot or will not do this, the Middle East will never see peace and Israel has no future.” —Tony Judt, bestselling author of *Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945* and Professor at New York University)

Ellis, Marc. **Beyond Innocence and Redemption: Confronting the Holocaust and Israeli Power.** New York: Harper Collins, 1990. (“Marc Ellis is a prophetic figure in the long tradition of Jewish activists who confront the conventional convictions of their fellow Jews with the hard truths of God's passion for justice and solidarity with the poor and oppressed. He strives, in this book, to revive the noble modern tradition of political dissent against Israeli state power represented by people like Walter Benjamin, Hannah Arendt, Martin Buber and others.” –Amazon)

Grodzinsky, Yosef. **In the Shadow of the Holocaust: The Struggle Between Jews and Zionists in the Aftermath of World War II.** Monroe: Common Courage Press, 2004. (“Written with passion and an obsession for accuracy.” Ariana Melamed, *Ha-Ir*, the leading Tel Aviv weekly” – Amazon book description)

Zertal, Idith. **Israel's Holocaust and the Politics of Nationhood.** Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005. (“The ghost of the Holocaust is ever present in Israel, in the lives and nightmares of the survivors and in the absence of the victims. In this compelling and disturbing analysis, Idith Zertal, a leading member of the new generation of revisionist historians in Israel, considers the ways Israel has used the memory of the Holocaust to define and legitimize its existence and politics.” —Cambridge University Press)