

Holocaust in France - Course Content

5 Week Course

Week 1 - Introduction - sources, definitions, terms.
Antisemitism in France - info, statistics and the Dreyfuss affair. Affects of WWI and recruitment of immigrants. Citizenship granted to foreigners. Learning from lessons of the past.

Week 2 - WWII in France. Germans arrive in June 1940. Armistice with Germany. De Gaulle to London and establishment of Vichy (collaborationist) government. Division of France into zones and demarcation line.

Week 3 - Increasing restrictions on Jews by German and Vichy authorities. Chart of ordinances with dates and country mandating repression. Implementation of Gold Star.

Week 4 - Roundups and deportations begin. German quotas and French eager compliance. Family separations. Vel d'Hiv roundup July 1942. Descriptions of Vel d'Hiv confinement.

Internment camps of Drancy, Pithiers and Beaune la Rolande. Mothers and children separations. Train transport to Auschwitz. Vel d'Hiv video.

Week 5 - Normandy Invasion and French liberation. German surrender. Surviving deportees return. Holocaust not discussed and swept under the rug. Trials of Vichy collaborators.