

Course Title: Anne Frank Was Not Alone – Holland and the Holocaust

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Semester Taught: Spring 2006

Required Readings:

Frank, Anne. *The Diary of a Young Girl: The Definitive Edition*. Susan Massotty, trans. New York: Bantam Books, 1995.

Gies, Miep, with Alison Leslie Gold. *Anne Frank Remembered: The Story of the Woman Who Helped to Hide the Frank Family*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1987.

[plus SHOAH Foundation Access Project – listening to one testimony]

Additional assignment: One short oral presentation

Attendance: Mandatory

Class Description:

In German occupied Western Europe nowhere did the Nazis pursue their genocidal policies against the Jews with more zeal and devastating results than in the Netherlands. By the end of World War II more than 70% of the Jews living in Holland had perished in the Holocaust. This, in a nation, which has been and is one of the world's most tolerant and least anti-Semitic societies.

This course will explore this enormous tragedy that befalls Dutch Jewry. Particular emphasis will be given to examining the agonizing ethical choices which confronted the Dutch, both Jewish and Gentile, during the German occupation. The class will follow a lecture/discussion format, with readings, film clips, and guest speakers.

Note: students are advised that during the course of this class they will be subjected to images of the Holocaust, which will be at times graphic and may be distinctly unsettling.

Class Schedule:

Week #1 – January 8

- General Introductions

Week #2 – January 15

- The Jewish Diaspora
- Amsterdam & the Dutch Golden Age
- *The Dreyfuss Case*
- Beginnings of *Zionism*

Week #3 – January 22

- World War I

- “Atrocities”
- Dutch Neutrality
- Germany Shattered - “*Stabbed in the Back*”
- Hitler Takes Power
- Nazi Campaign against Jews Begins
 - Boycotts
 - Nuremberg Laws

Week #4 – January 29

- *Evian Conference*
- *Kristallnacht*
- World War II Begins
- Euthanasia
- Holland Invaded

Week #5 – February 6

- Registration of Jews
- Civil Servants Dismissed
- *The February Strike*
- Het Joodsche Raad = The Jewish Council
- Invasion of Soviet Union
 - Einsatzgruppen

Week #6 – February 13

- Noose Tightens in Holland
- America Enters the War
- Wasnsee Conference
- Work camps
- Jewish Star Introduced

Week # 7 – February 20

- Deportations begin
- Raids in Amsterdam
- Camp Westerbork

Week #8 – February 28

- Onderduiken
- End of the Community

Week #9 – March 6

- Auschwitz
- Sobibor
- Theresienstadt
- Bergen-Belsen

Week #10 – March 13 [no class- Spring Break]

Week #11 – March 19

- Hunger Winter
- Liberation

Week #12 – March 26

- Confronting the past
- Final sum-up