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Virtual Event: Rethinking the Dilemma of Bombing Auschwitz: Support, Opposition, and Reservation

MAHWAH, N.J. – Zohar Segev, professor of Jewish History at the University Haifa in Israel, will offer a new understanding of the decision of the United States whether to bomb Auschwitz Concentration Camp. In conversation with Gross Center Director Michael A. Riff, Segev will present new research into archival documents related to the work of American Jewish activists involved in the issue of bombing the camp. Above all, the documents of Leon Kubowitzki, who headed the World Jewish Congress's Rescue Department, will be examined. The virtual event is scheduled for October 20 at 4 p.m.

The archival documents reveal that Jewish and Zionist leadership requested that the U.S. not bomb Auschwitz and instead seek to examine other forms of military action that could be employed against the camp. The findings show us the importance of re-examination and reformulation of our knowledge and understanding regarding the Holocaust in light of new sources.

The Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies is co-sponsoring the program with the Harriet and Kenneth Kupferberg Holocaust Center of Queensborough Community College, CUNY. Registration to attend via Zoom is: <https://www.eventbrite.com/x/dr-zohar-segev-rethinking-the-dilemma-of-bombing-auschwitz-tickets-160849163177>

At the University of Haifa, Zohar Segev teaches courses on American Jewish History and Zionist History, and is also the head of the Wolfson Chair in Jewish Religious Thought and Heritage. He is the author of *From Ethnic Politicians to National Leaders: American Zionist Leadership, the Holocaust and the Establishment of Israel* (2007) and *The World Jewish Congress During the Holocaust: Between Activism and Restraint* (2014). This year, he was a Fordham-New York Public Library (NYPL) Research Fellow in Jewish Studies, working on a project titled "Philanthropy, Politics, and the Shaping of a Nation: The Nathan Straus Papers in the NYPL."

For information or to request disability-related accommodations for this event, please contact holgen@ramapo.edu or call 201-684-7409.

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