

THE RED ARMY'S ENCOUNTER WITH THE HOLOCAUST

Red Army servicemen were the first among World War II combatants to encounter the Holocaust as they pushed the German troops from the occupied Soviet territories into Eastern and Central Europe. The Red Army liberated Auschwitz and other Nazi camps; its soldiers and officers encountered massacre sites, mass graves, ghettos, destroyed heritage objects, exhausted and starving prisoners, and other evidence of the Holocaust. In his talk, Dr. Vojin Majstorović will discuss how much Red Army servicemen knew about the Holocaust, as well as their reaction to the Nazi crimes and their treatment of the liberated Jewish communities.

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Soviet servicemen and prisoners of the Auschwitz concentration camp, January 1944. Author unknown; in public domain.

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