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*UPHOLDING A COMMITMENT TO ENSURE THE FUTURE OF
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The field of Holocaust Studies is approaching a critical turning point. Just as a treasure trove of newly uncovered Holocaust materials is being made available in Eastern European countries, the number of students seeking to pursue academic careers in the Holocaust Studies continues to decrease. We need to act now to prepare a new generation of Holocaust scholars who will preserve the memory of the past and continue to explore the lessons of the Holocaust for the international community.

In response to this critical need, the University of Haifa launched **Israel's only International Master of Arts Program in Holocaust Studies in 2011**. Open to students from across the world, the unique multi-disciplinary program is taught in English by a team



of respected scholars. Now enrolling its fourth cohort of 30 students, the Program offers future scholars and educators a dynamic experience that will impact the field of Holocaust Studies and educational frameworks around the world.

What Makes the International MA in Holocaust Studies Unique?

The program's uniqueness lies in its broad multidisciplinary approach. Drawing on a wide range of academic disciplines, students are exposed to the history of World War II; the Nazi policy of extermination and the Final Solution; the social history of the family, women and children in the Holocaust period; psychological aspects of Holocaust trauma; anthropology of memory and commemoration; international law and genocide; and the Holocaust in the arts.

Our students also benefit from the program's special collaborative relationships and internship opportunities that have been established with prominent Holocaust museums and archives in Israel, Germany, Poland and the United States. Students are trained in the latest research techniques and apply their newly acquired skills in hands-on experiences in the museums' archives.

Two Learning Options

Participants choose from two learning tracks. **Option A** is designed to prepare students interested in working in a range of Holocaust related educational institutions, museums and archives. Students in this track are required to successfully complete a final exam. **Option B** is designed to prepare students for careers as Holocaust researchers. Students in this track are required to submit a research thesis. Graduates of the program are invited to continue their Ph.D. studies at the University of Haifa.



All students are able to enroll in **a special course focused on Holocaust museums** – their missions, designs and educational experiences. In addition, students enjoy field trips to educationally relevant locations in Israel, attend conferences, and interact with guest lecturers and visiting scholars.

Study Tour to Germany & Poland

An integral component of the program is an intensive study tour in Europe. The seven-day tour includes visits to historical sites connected with Jewish life before and during the Second World War, including synagogues, community centers, ghettos, death camps, and museums. The tour also includes joint seminars with local students and leading German and Polish scholars.



In addition to visiting the actual sites and meeting with survivors, the tour critically examines how the story of the Holocaust has been shaped, taught and memorialized in Germany and Poland, as well as in the students' countries of origin. These differing approaches are compared with how Israel has treated the Holocaust as a founding narrative and educational tool.

Leadership



The program is directed by Professor Arie J. Kochavi, Head of the Strochlitz Institute at the University of Haifa and Chair, Editorial Board of the *Dapim Journal: Studies on the Shoah*—available online at <http://bit.ly/dapimjournal>.

Professor Kochavi is a leading international scholar of the World War II era with numerous published books and articles dealing with the diplomatic history of the 20th century, refugees and displaced persons in Europe, the Nuremberg trials, prisoners of war, and the Holocaust and anti-Semitism. He is frequently invited to present at national and international conferences.

Dr. Yael Granot-Bein is the Administrative Director of the Weiss-Livnat International MA in Holocaust Studies. She holds a Ph.D. in Jewish History from the University of Haifa. Her research deals with Jewish immigration from Eastern Europe to Britain at the end of the 19th century and with juvenile delinquency and deserted children in the Anglo-Jewish community.



The University of Haifa's International School

Administrative support for the program is provided by the University of Haifa's International School, which has been running a successful Study Abroad Program for 35 years. The School has a worldwide reputation for its academic accomplishments, emphasis on cultural immersion with the local population, and caring environment by providing a rich selection of social and cultural extracurricular activities.



Request for Support

We invite you to take part in supporting **Israel's only International Master of Arts Program in Holocaust Studies**. Your generosity will create a meaningful legacy that will inspire a new generation of educators and researchers and instill within them the knowledge and skills needed to perpetuate the memory and lessons of the Holocaust.

- **A gift of \$20,000** provides an annual scholarship for an outstanding MA student for the entire program including, tuition, housing and the study tour.
- **A gift of \$450,000** will establish a **scholarship endowment fund** and provide an annual scholarship in perpetuity for three MA students.
- **Funding opportunities** to enable program graduates to pursue a PhD in Holocaust Studies are also available.



Donor Recognition

The University of Haifa prominently recognizes its donors and will be honored to pay tribute to your generosity with graduated levels of recognition, including:

- Acknowledging your support in University media publications, wherever possible.
- Honoring you at a special dedication ceremony. These joyous occasions are often attended by family members and guests.
- Receiving periodic updates regarding the program and its participants.

About the University of Haifa

As the largest research university in the country's northern region and academic home to a community of students that most accurately mirrors Israeli society, the University of Haifa is of unique strategic importance to the State of Israel. It enrolls the largest number of military and security personnel, who study alongside civilians from all walks of life - Haredi and secular Jews, new immigrants, Arabs, and Druze.

The University's mission is to cultivate academic excellence, create a shared Israeli experience, and promote democratic values in an environment of tolerance and multiculturalism. It is such an environment that contributes to outstanding research and a community of exceptional, creative, and productive alumni. We believe that fostering outstanding research while strengthening Israel's northern region and promoting an environment of multiculturalism is of strategic importance for the continued existence and prosperity of the State of Israel.

The University of Haifa stands atop Mount Carmel, where Haifa's southern boundary verges on the Carmel National Park. Over 18,000 students study here for undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees. The University of Haifa is fully committed to academic excellence, which is expressed in its many and diverse interdisciplinary and international programs and collaborations with academic institutions around the world. The University of Haifa has gained an international reputation in many research areas, and is Israel's leading university in the humanities, social sciences, and marine research.

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