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SIMON WIESENTHAL LECTURE

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A LOST HOLOCAUST STORY: JEWISH
REFUGEES IN THE SOVIET UNION
AND IRAN DURING WORLD WAR II

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The lecture addresses a transnational Holocaust story that remarkably has remained essentially untold, marginalized in both historiography and commemoration.

The majority of the c. 250,000 Jews who constituted the “saved remnant” (She’erit Hapleta) of Eastern European Jewry gathered in Allied Displaced Persons camps survived because they had been “deported to life” from parts of Poland that came under Soviet control after the Nazi-Soviet Pact. They were first sent to forced labour camps in Siberia and then, after the German invasion in June 1941, in Central Asia.

With the aid of goods provided by an American Jewish relief organization (Joint), Stalin’s Soviet Union provided a crucial if harsh and generally involuntary refuge for at least three quarters of all Polish Jews who survived the war. The lecture seeks to integrate these largely unexamined experiences into our understanding of the Shoah, and to remap the landscape of persecution, survival, relief, and rescue during and after World War II.

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