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FROM THE HOLOCAUST TO THE GULAG: JEWISH ‘COLLABORATORS’ IN STALINIST COURTS AFTER WWII



As the Second World War ended, a determined Soviet state started to comb individual histories within previously occupied territories, searching for various types of ‘collaborators’, aiming to re-establish its grip on a profoundly shaken society. This presentation focuses on one of the most unexpected groups caught in this massive punitive act – Jewish survivors of the Holocaust. Building on archival documents originating from Soviet Moldavia, this study demonstrates that the trials of Jews accused of wrongdoing while holding leadership positions inside Romanian internment camps and ghettos became the locus of heated moral and legal debates. While revealing a complex story of Soviet postwar social negotiations regarding the boundaries of responsibility of individuals acting under duress, this study also expands and complexifies our understanding

of the Stalinist judiciary system.

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