

# **Barry Trachtenberg**

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## **Biography**

A leading scholar of Jewish history, Barry Trachtenberg can comment on the Holocaust and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, as well as a range of other issues facing Jews around the world. For more than 20 years, his research and teaching have focused on the complexities of and controversies in American Jewish history; the Holocaust; Zionism, Israel and Palestine; and modern Yiddish culture.

In his forthcoming book, "The United States and the Nazi Holocaust: Race, Refuge, and Remembrance" (Feb. 2018), Trachtenberg demonstrates that the United States' response to the rise of Nazism, the refugee crisis it provoked, the Holocaust itself, and its aftermath were — and remain to this day — intricately linked to the ever-shifting racial, economic, and social status of American Jewry. He is also currently writing a book "'Bible for the New Age': The Nazi Holocaust and the Exile of Yiddish," which considers the shifting agenda of Yiddish-language research and the ways that the Nazi Holocaust shaped Jewish historians' understanding of their task.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

American Jewish history, Race, immigration policy and Judaism, The Holocaust, Nazism, Antisemitism, Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, Jewish identity and culture, Yiddish culture and language, Zionism

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## **Education**

**University of California, Los Angeles**

Ph.D. History

**Oxford University**

Post-Graduate Diploma Jewish Studies

**The University of Vermont**

M.A. History

**Glassboro State College (Now Rowan University of New Jersey)**

B.A. English

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