



Surviving the Holocaust: The Jews of Bucharest in Nazi Allied Romania, 1940-1944



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In this lecture, Stefan Ionescu examines the diverse experiences of Romanian Jews during the years 1940 - 1944 when the country was ruled by fascist leader and Nazi ally, Marshal Ion Victor Ionescu.

Jews were mentioned for the first time as inhabitants of Bucharest in 1550. They played an important role in the development of the city's industry and commerce. During World War II, the Jewish population of Bucharest, the capital of Romania since 1859, numbered around 100,000, approximately 10% of an estimated population of 1,000,000.

While subjected to legal discrimination and administrative oppression, the Jews of Bucharest were not subjected to the same mass murder as Jews in the eastern provinces of Romania. This lecture explores this complex topic within the history of the Holocaust.

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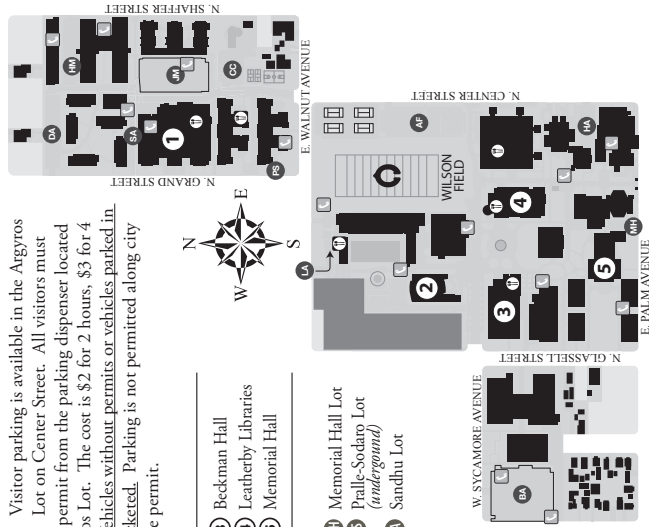
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