The Holocaust in the Soviet Union

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Dr. Daniel Newman will discuss the experiences of Holocaust victims in the Soviet Union as well as the divisiveness of the memory of the Holocaust in the postwar USSR. Additionally, he will address the political factors affecting the remembrance of the Holocaust and argue that it is essential to study this horrific tragedy both in the context of Holocaust history and also in the context of politics and conflict in the former USSR. Remembrance of the millions of Jews murdered in the Holocaust proved to be a contentious issue throughout the Soviet period and regrettably remains so today, with certain political considerations and even possibly anti-Semitic agendas relegating the story of the Jews during the Holocaust to a historical byline at best that is completely absent from the historical record at worst.

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