

## Professor Stephen Berk

Dr. Stephen M. Berk is a professor of history at Union College and holder of the Henry and Sally Schaffer Chair of Holocaust and Jewish Studies. He is also the recipient of the Florence B. Sherwood Chair in History and Culture and a consultant to the Wiesenthal Holocaust Center.

A gifted presenter, Professor Berk has lectured on the Holocaust at distinguished higher education institutions such as Princeton, Vanderbilt, The University of Texas at Austin, and Williams College. In addition, he has lectured extensively in the former Soviet Union, Israel, Egypt, and Poland.

Professor Berk is the author of *Year of Crisis, Year of Hope: Russian Jewry and the Pogroms of 1881-1882* and numerous articles on Russian history, Russian-Jewish history, anti-Semitism, and American policy in the Middle East.

A native of New York City, Professor Berk received his B.A. in history from the University of Pennsylvania, his Master's degree from the University of Chicago, and



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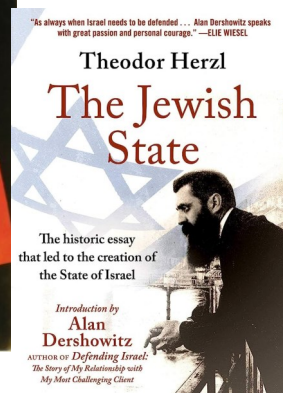
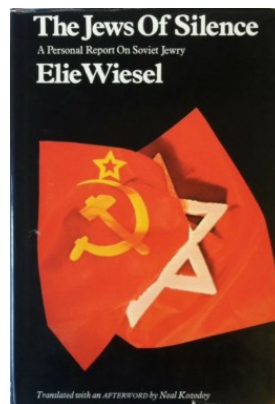
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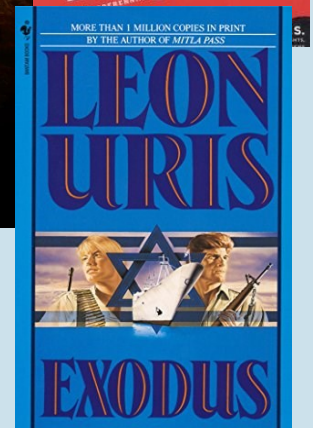
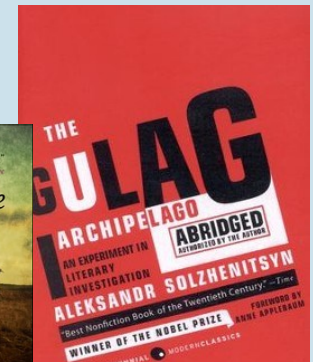
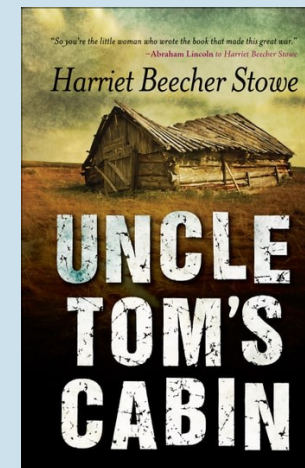
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# Books, prose, and the course of modern history

## 1. 09/28 Russia and the Soviet Union:

*What is to be Done?* Vladimir Lenin  
*One day in the life of Ivan Denisovich*  
 Alexander Solzhenitsyn  
*The Gulag Archipelago* Alexander Solzhenitsyn  
*Dr. Zhivago* Boris Pasternack

## 2. 10/05 United States:

*Two treatises* John Locke  
*Letters on Toleration* John Locke  
 George Washington's *Letter to the Touro Synagogue*  
*Uncle Tom's Cabin* Harriet Beecher Stowe  
*Roots* Alex Haley  
*The Feminine Mystique* Betty Friedan

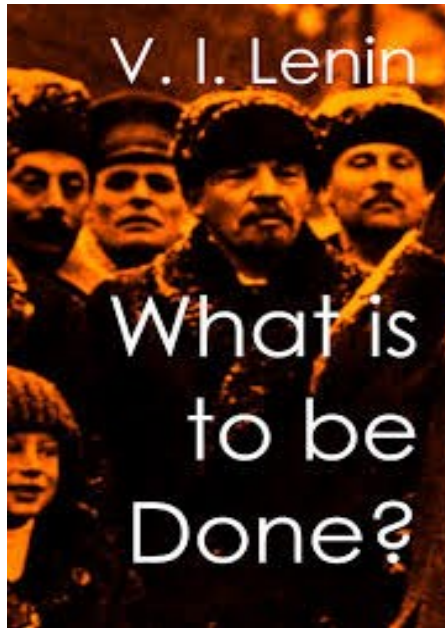
## 3. 10/12 Jewish History:

*Bi'ur* Moses Mendelssohn  
*Jerusalem* Moses Mendelssohn  
*The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*  
 Okhrana/Tsarist Secret Police  
*Mein Kampf* Adolf Hitler  
*Diary of Anne Frank*  
*Night* Eli Wiesel  
*Jews of Silence* Eli Wiesel  
*NOSTRA AETATE* Vatican II

## 4. 10/19 Zionism and Israel:

*Autoemancipation* Leon Pinsker  
*The Jews' State* Theodore Herzl  
*The Old New Land* Theodore Herzl  
*Exodus* Leon Uris

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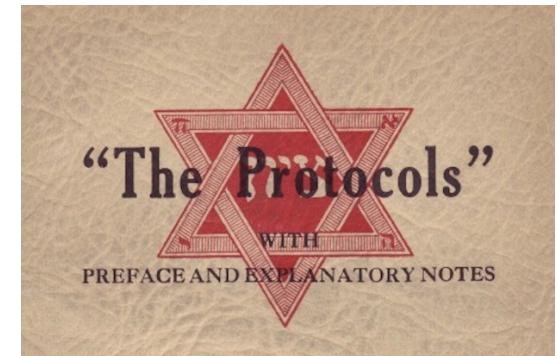
With the invention of the printing press and the emergence of mass literacy, the written word began to have an enormous influence on the course of history. I do not have a monopoly on the truth, but I believe that the books covered in this lecture series are among the most important in influencing the modern period. This is not an exhaustive list. Additional books when relevant to the subject matter will also be discussed.

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The Old-New-Land

Theodor Herzl



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