

THE FUTURE OF AUSCHWITZ  
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Dr Andrzej Friedman is a neurologist from Warsaw. He is vice-president of the Polish-Israeli Friendship Association, and a member of the Polish Council of Christians and Jews. He has been active in dissident and Jewish causes since the late 1970s.

Konstanty Gebert

Mr Konstanty Gebert is a journalist from Warsaw. Writing under the pen-name Dawid Warszawski that he adopted in the Solidarity underground, he covers, among other things, Polish-Jewish issues at *Gazeta Wyborcza*, Poland's main daily. He has been a Jewish activist since the late 1970s.

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Prof. Jozef Gierowski is a historian who trained at the Jagiellonian University, Kraków, where he has been a member of staff since 1965. From 1965 to 1970 he was head of the Department of 16th-18th Century Polish History, and then became head of the General Modern History Research Centre. From 1981 to 1987 he was Rector of the University, during which time he founded the Research Center on Jewish History and Culture in Poland, and remained its director since its inception in 1986.

Prof. Gierowski was a member of the Polish Parliament from 1985 to 1989 and is a member of the Polish Presidential Committee for Polish-Jewish Relations.

Gideon Greif

Mr Gideon Greif, a member of the staff of Yad Vashem, compiles and edits books and articles on the Shoah. He also lectures on the subject and has led numerous study tours to Poland. He has produced a number of award-winning radio and television documentaries. In recent years he has been involved in

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the preparation of original projects dealing with the testimony of the surviving Auschwitz-Birkenau Sonderkommando.

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Dr Anne Grynberg is a historian who has conducted research on the Bund and on the French internment camps during the Second World War. She is the author of *Les Camps de la honte: Les internés juifs des camps français, 1939-1945* (Editions La Decouverte, 1991), and is now preparing a book about the camp of Drancy, to be published in 1993. Her interests include the memory of such camps and their commemoration in France, and she teaches contemporary Jewish history at the Institut des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO) in Paris, where she is Maître de Conférences.

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Mr Henryk Halkowski is a philosopher from Kraków. He is secretary of the Kraków Jewish community club, a translator of Heschel and the author of a thesis on him. He is a frequent contributor of articles on Jewish themes to intellectual journals. He has been described (by one visiting Israeli scholar) as constituting in his person 'the entire postwar Jewish generation of Kraków'.

Paul Halter

M. Paul Halter, né à Genève, a fait ses études universitaires à Bruxelles. En novembre 1941 il est entré aux partisans armés, puis en 1943 il était arrêté et deporté avec le transport des Juifs belges à Auschwitz. En janvier 1945 il s'est évadé de Fürstengrube (sous-camp d'Auschwitz) et retourné en Belgique par Cracovie-Lublin-Odessa-Marseille. Il participe à l'Amicale d'Auschwitz dès sa fondation en 1945: secrétaire, puis président jusqu'à ce jour. Il est aussi président de la Fondation Auschwitz, Bruxelles.

Ben Helfgott

Mr Ben Helfgott was born in Poland and spent his childhood in Piotrków. He is a Holocaust survivor. He is chairman of the Yad Vashem charitable trust of the UK and a member of the executive of the Wiener Library, London. He represented Great Britain at the Olympic Games held in Melbourne (1956) and in Rome (1960).

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Dr Stanisław Krajewski trained as a mathematician in Warsaw and works in the Institute of Mathematics of the Polish Academy of Sciences, specializing in mathematical logic and the philosophy of mathematics. He has lectured and published on Judaism, and on Polish-Jewish and Christian-Jewish relations. In the post-communist era he became involved in various newly established bodies, including the Polish-Israeli Friendship Association (of which he is a board member), and the International Council of the Auschwitz State Museum. He is a member of the Polish Presidential Committee for Polish-Jewish Relations, and co-founder and co-chairman of the Polish Council of Christians and Jews. He is the Polish representative of the American Jewish Congress and a Corresponding Fellow of the Wilstein Institute of Jewish Policy Studies in Los Angeles.

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Rabbi Marmur was born in Sosnowiec, Poland, in 1935, to which he returned after the Second World War, which he spent in various parts of the then Soviet Union. He emigrated to Sweden in 1948 and went to live in England in 1957, where he trained as a rabbi and served two Reform congregations in London before becoming the Senior Rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, Canada, in 1983.

He has written, *inter alia*, on Christian-Jewish relations in general and Polish-Jewish relations in particular, and he is a founder president of the Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation of Canada.

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Prof. Michael Marrus is Professor of History at the University of Toronto, co-author of *Vichy France and the Jews* (with Robert Paxton), and the author of several other works, including *The Holocaust in History*. His most recent book is *Samuel Bronfman: The Life of Seagram's Mr Sam*.

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Prof. Antony Polonsky is President of the Institute of Polish-Jewish Studies in Oxford, editor-in-chief of *Polin*, and the author of a number of books in the field of East European history. He was co-convenor of the Yarnton Symposium on The Future of Auschwitz in 1990.

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Hegel, post-structuralism and law. Her latest book, published this year, *The Broken Middle: Out of our Ancient Society*, contains a discussion of Holocaust theology. A further volume, *Judaism and Modernity*, will be published next year.

Alvin Rosenfeld

Prof. Alvin Rosenfeld is Professor of English and Director of the Jewish Studies Program at Indiana University. He is the author of numerous studies of Holocaust literature, including *A Double Dying, Imagining Hitler*, *Confronting the Holocaust* (edited with Irving Greenberg), and *The Murders at Bullenhuser Damm* (translated with Erna B. Rosenfeld).

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