**WARS & TRAUMA** 

NARRATING THE HOLOCAUST

### TRANSNATIONAL HISTORY OF CONTEMPORARY EUROPE

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**MEMORY** 



## WHICH OF THE SOURCES FOR TODAY'S CLASS DID YOU LIKE THE LEAST?

- Shandler
- Marlow
- Bartov
- None

### NARRATIVE (quoting J. SUBOTIC)

"Narrative, at its most basic, is a story. It is a **story about an event or series of events in the past**, about people who participated in or made decisions about these events and about the impact these past events have on those who tell the story in the present. Narrative analysis, therefore, is based on the assumption that people understand and give meaning to their lives through stories."

"The method (...) involves the **gathering of narratives - written, oral, visual -** focusing on the meanings that people ascribe to their experiences.

"Analysis of narrative tries to uncover ways in which a story is constructed, for whom, and for what purpose."

#### ORAL HISTORY: DEFINED BY OHA

"Oral history is a field of study and a method of gathering, preserving and interpreting the voices and memories of people, communities, and participants in past events. Oral history is both the oldest type of historical inquiry, predating the written word, and one of the most modern, initiated with tape recorders in the 1940s and now using 21st-century digital technologies."







US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington D.C.

#### "NEVER AGAIN"

# FUTURE MESSAGES FROM THE PAST

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS' TESTIMONIES

(interviews conducted in 1994-1997)



#### GHE TO FIGHTERS' HOUSE

HOLOCAUST:
PRE-WWII
CONTEXT

- Racial antisemitism
- WWI: stab-in-the-back conspiracy theory
- Poverty & radicalization, world economic crisis
- Nazis to power (1933)
- Nuremberg Laws (1935)
- Anschluss (3/1938)
- Evian conference (7/1938)
- Night of Broken Glass (11/1938)

#### HOLOCAUST: EUROPEAN WWII CONTEXT



- Rome-Berlin Axis (10/1936)
- Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact (8/1939)
- WWII: I Sep. 1939 8/9 May 1945
- Axis Powers vs. Allies
- KZ Auschwitz (5/1940)
- Wannsee Conference in Berlin (1/1942)







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