

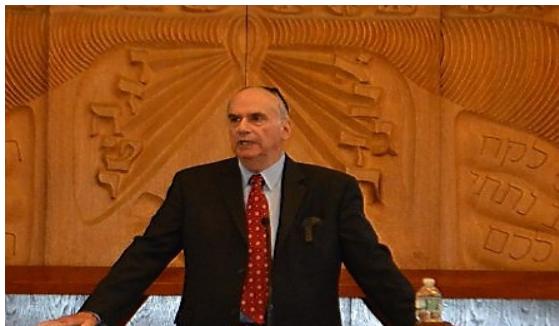
Dr. Stephen Berk

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. Professor Berk is a recipient of the Citizens Laureate Award of the University of Albany Foundation.

A gifted presenter, Dr. 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.

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