

The UVM Department of German and Russian proudly presents

The 30th annual
Harry H. Kahn Memorial Lecture

German Jews in an Age of New Nationalism

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In recent years, neo-nationalism has become a more visible grass-roots movement across much of the Western world, including Germany. From seemingly disparate individuals and fanatical splinter groups to more established right-leaning organizations and political parties, this populist movement has focused its ire on immigrants and Muslims, while fiercely advocating for wide-ranging nativist domestic and foreign policy initiatives within the Federal Republic of Germany. Violence, and the threat of violence and intimidation, is never far from those within the orbit of the new nationalists. Central to all elements within this movement, moreover, has been an unadulterated and increasingly bold antisemitism. In this light, neo-nationalists have drawn on old and new forms of antisemitism to make life for German Jews in the Federal Republic uncomfortable at best and often dangerous and life-threatening at worst.

The Harry H. Kahn Memorial Lecture is a very special annual event for the Department of German and Russian at the University of Vermont, given in honor and memory of its long-time professor and former chairperson, Harry H. Kahn, himself a refugee from Nazi Germany. Professor Kahn taught German and Hebrew in the Department of German and Russian at the University of Vermont from 1948 until his retirement in June 1977.

Thursday, March 21 4:00-5:30 PM
Waterman Building Memorial Lounge

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