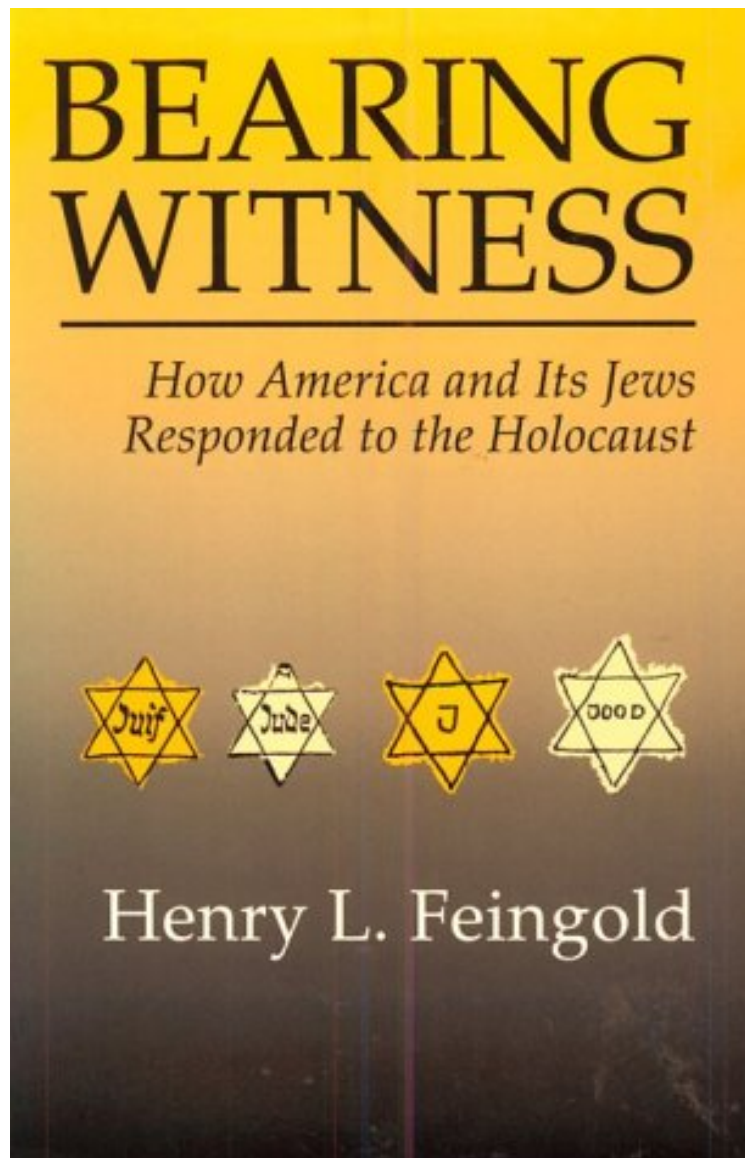


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Bearing Witness: Holocaust: How America and Its Jews Responded to the Holocaust (Modern Jewish History):

One of America's most prominent historians probes the haunting question of why the efforts of the American government and Jewish leaders were ineffective in halting or mitigating Berlin's genocidal policy during the Holocaust. Focusing on the role of the Roosevelt administration and American Jewish leadership, Henry L. Feingold anchors the American reaction to the Holocaust in the tension-ridden domestic environment of the depression to the international scene. In these essays, he argues that the constraints of the American political system in the 1930s and 40s and the extraordinary events of the time virtually made it impossible for the administration and American Jews to react differently.

From Booklist In these essays, Feingold explores the question of why the efforts of the U.S. government and American Jews were ineffective in saving European Jewry during the Holocaust. Feingold, a professor, author, and editor of the five-volume series *The Jewish People in America*, divides this scholarly work into three parts. Part one examines the uniqueness of the Holocaust and the problem of resistance. Part two focuses on the Roosevelt administration's response to the Holocaust, the idea of mass resettlement to save the Jews of Europe, and America's effort to save Hungarian Jews. Part three contains three essays dealing with the American Jewish response to the Holocaust and an essay asking "Who shall bear the guilt?" European Jewry was allowed to perish, he believes, because no place could be found for its rescue among the war priorities of the Allies, thus pointing the finger of guilt at all of us. George Cohen