



# The Weiss-Livnat International MA Program in Holocaust Studies



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THE GHETTO FIGHTERS' HOUSE

<b>Course Title</b>	Museums, Heritage Sites & Memorials. Practical and Theoretical Issues		
<b>Name of Instructor</b>	Tami Rich	<b>Number of Credit Points</b>	2
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## Course Description:

This course is designed to provide students with basic curatorial skills for working in both Holocaust Museums and Heritage Sites.

Comprised of 2 modules, theoretical and practical, students will be given the opportunity to study the academic components of Museum Studies, and subsequently, translating their historical knowledge into practical skills within Museum spaces and Heritage Sites.

The course will place a strong emphasis on Holocaust Museums in particular. We will explore the birth of Holocaust museums in the 20th Century and how they have evolved; didactically, architecturally and advancements in educational directives through museum spaces. Furthermore, students will assess how audiences in future generations will engage Holocaust Sites and museums.

Academic components of the course explore a variety subjects including; Heritage Interpretation, Understanding Significance, Collections Management & Object Care, Building Memorials, Intangible Heritage and Shared Heritage.

Practical components of the course will include an in depth assessment of curatorial styles used in Holocaust museums and memorials in Israel. **Please note, students will be required to attend 3 excursions, to assess the museum spaces – these excursions will not be on regular study days. Therefore, keep in mind, the need to be available on a few extra dates.**

## **Course Requirements:**

### **Weekly Readings:**

Students will be required to read the set texts for each component of the course.

### **Class Participation:**

Active attendance in at least ten weeks of the course is required.

### **Oral Presentation:**

Students will be required to give a 10 minute presentation to the class.

### **Written Assignment:**

One page Significance Statement

## **Assessment:**

Attendance and participation – 20%

Oral Presentation – 20%

Written assignment – 20%

Report on Practical component – 40%

## **Options available to write the following in this course:**

Referat paper, theme or idea based research -10 pages.

Seminar Paper, Original research - 30 pages.

Response paper