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cordially invites you to a lecture by

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**Wrestling with the Devil:
Jews in the Ghettos Confront the Holocaust**

This talk compares two ghettos in Belorussia seeking to explain why resistance in one yielded some results and failed to emerge in another. It seems that there is no systemic or systematic explanation for the differences but that geography, the location of industry, and decisions by individuals explain those differences. The same might be said of other ghettos. The talk draws on memoirs and oral histories as well as Soviet and German documents.

Tuesday, March 12 at 6 p.m.
Popper Room
Budapest, 1051 Nádor utca 9.

Zvi Gitelman is Professor of Political Science, Preston Tisch Professor of Judaic Studies, and a former Director of the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies and of the Center for Russian and East European Studies, all at the University of Michigan where he has won several awards for excellence in teaching. Educated at Columbia University, Gitelman is the author or editor of fifteen books and many scholarly articles. His most recent book is *Jewish Identities in Postcommunist Russia and Ukraine: An Uncertain Identity* (Cambridge University Press, 2012) and an edited volume titled *Jewishness and Judaism: Secularization and Jewish Identities Through the Ages* (Rutgers University Press, 2008). His current research is on the Holocaust in the USSR: Soviet policy during the war, Jewish combatants and inter-ethnic relations in the Soviet armed forces.

A reception will follow