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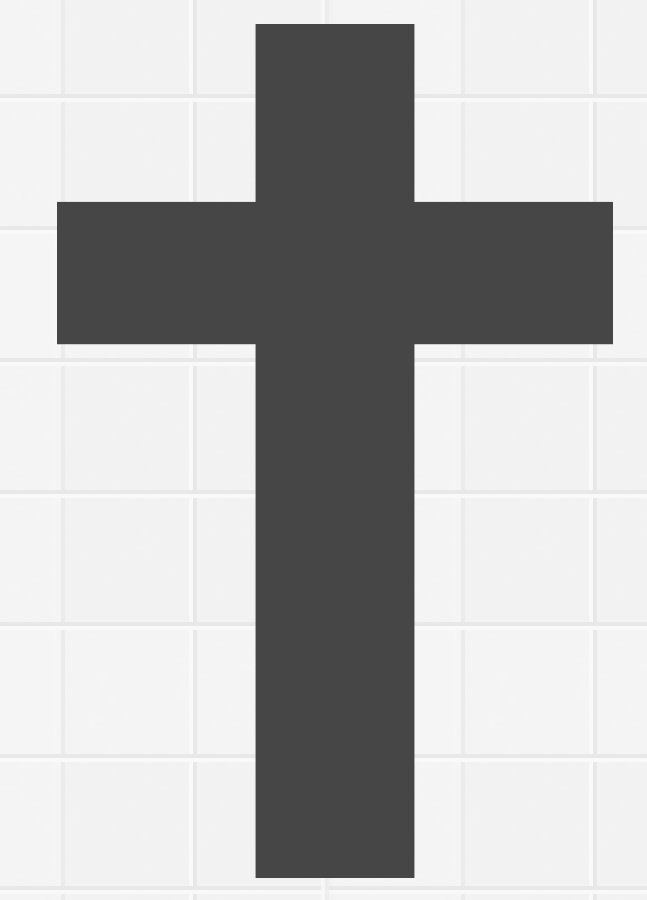
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Judaism and Christianity: The Holocaust



Spring 2018: Dr. Kathleen Gallagher Elkins
Wise Women Gathering Place, Casa Alba Melanie,
Edison Middle School and COMSA

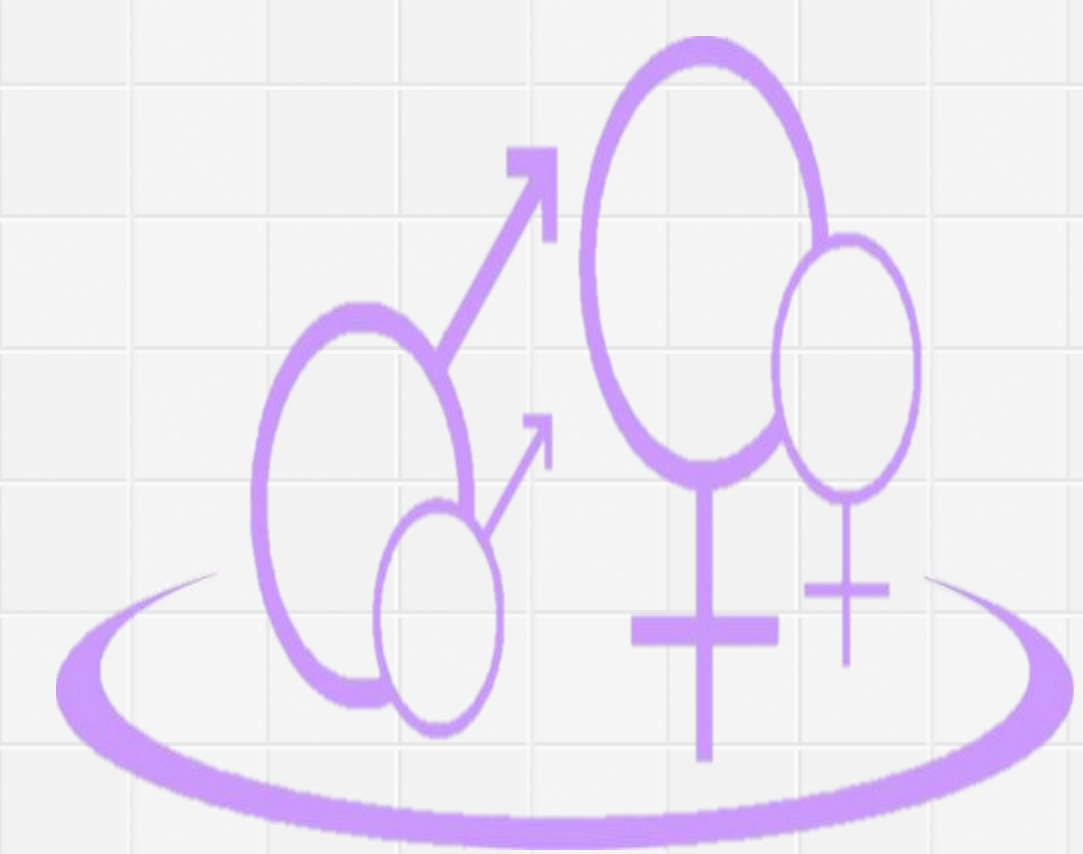
This course focused on the complex relationship between Jews and Christians over time, especially engaging the Nazi genocide of the Jews in the 1930s and 40s. By approaching this relationship from a theological perspective, the course encouraged students to ask difficult questions about interreligious understanding, religious violence, God's role in suffering, and the connection between history and theology. In order to enhance students' academic learning and to make theoretical ideas concrete, students partnered with local agencies to work with and learn from people of different religious/cultural backgrounds who have come to the US as refugees or immigrants.



Partnering with Edison Middle School, SNC students work with refugee and immigrant youth in an ESL classroom, positively impacting them by aiding in school work, forming relationships with them, sharing different experiences, and allowing for more one on one work.



Partnering with Casa Alba Melanie and Wise Women Gathering Place, students positively impact the community and organization needs by helping them to organize and plan events.



Partnering with COMSA, students impact community needs by aiding the group to write grants that help fund the youth development program they are beginning to develop and by planning and volunteering at the Somali Culture Night that was hosted at SNC in April.



"The course has really opened my eyes to the detrimental effects that hatred and close-mindedness to differences can be on a community and people. With our knowledge from class, we can approach our volunteer work with a much more open mind and experience new situations and cultures with excitement rather than fear."

-Jessica Wachs '19