

Ringelblum On Cooperation Between Jewish Political Parties in the Underground

The war has confronted Jewish public circles with very important problems. The political relationships that existed before the war had to cease. A united Jewish front had to be created from Left to Right. The Hitlerist fight against the Jewish population took on the character of an extermination. It was directed against all strata and all classes of the Jewish population as a whole. As far as the Hitlerites were concerned there was no difference between the Zionists and members of the Bund they hated both equally. They wanted to destroy both. A policy for struggle appropriate to this situation had to be developed by the Jewish population. A united national front had to be created to face the German Fascist powers of destruction. The Jews were confronted by such cardinal questions of life and death that no [section] could take the responsibility for deciding such crucial questions alone. It required united strength to find the answers to the problems which the situation continuously brought up. The institution of Party consultations of all political directions had no name, but it was a permanent body, and its views were consulted by the Joint, the Jewish Social Self-Help organization and by the Community itself more than once....

Ringelblum, II, p. 109.

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