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Historian challenges time-honored explanations for Holocaust in lecture in Farmington Hills

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Historian Peter Hayes will challenge accepted explanations for what caused the Holocaust in a lecture Sunday at the Holocaust Memorial Center. *Photo courtesy of Holocaust Memorial Center*

Northwestern University and has published numerous articles and books on the Third Reich, World War II and the Holocaust.

Here are the details on his lecture:

- The event will begin with a breakfast of bagels and coffee, followed by the lecture and a question-and-answer session.
- Cost is \$5 for Holocaust Memorial Center members and \$10 for nonmembers.
- Seating is limited; RSVP at 248-536-9612 or rsvp@holocaustcenter.org
- The Holocaust Memorial Center is at 28123 Orchard Lake Road.

Why did the Holocaust happen? Why were Jews persecuted and not another ethnic group? Why such a swift and sweeping extermination? Why didn't the Jews receive more help?

These and other questions will be addressed by historian Peter Hayes in a lecture at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 10, at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.

In his new book, "Why? Explaining the Holocaust," Hayes describes the factors that led to the Holocaust, while challenging many time-honored explanations for its causes and effects.

Hayes is a retired professor from