

# The Emergence of Jewish Ghettos During the Holocaust

DAN MICHMAN

*Bar-Ilan University and Yad Vashem, Israel*

Translated by Lenn J. Schramm



**Yad Vashem**



**CAMBRIDGE**  
UNIVERSITY PRESS

# Contents

Introduction	page 1
1 Historiography and Popular Understandings	6
2 Ghetto: The Source of the Term and the Phenomenon in the Early Modern Age	20
3 Ghetto and Ghettoization as Cultural Concepts in the Modern Age	25
4 The Nazis' Anti-Jewish Policy in the 1930s in Germany and the Question of Jewish Residential Districts	31
5 First References to the Term "Ghetto" in the Ideological Discourse of the Makers of Anti-Jewish Policy in the Third Reich (1933–1938)	36
6 The Semantic Turning Point in the Meaning of "Ghetto": Peter-Heinz Seraphim and <i>Das Judentum im osteuropäischen Raum</i>	45
7 The Invasion of Poland and the Emergence of the "Classic" Ghettos	61
8 Methodological Interlude: The Term "Ghettoization" and Its Use During the Holocaust Itself and in Later Scholarship	90
9 Would the Idea Spread to Other Places? Amsterdam 1941, the Only Attempt to Establish a Ghetto West of Poland	94
10 Ghettos During the Final Solution, 1941–1943: The Territories Occupied in Operation Barbarossa	102

11	Ghettos During the Final Solution Outside the Occupied Soviet Union: Poland, Theresienstadt, Amsterdam, Transnistria, Salonika, and Hungary	122
12	Summary and Conclusions	145
	<i>Bibliography</i>	163
	<i>Index</i>	183