

Book Discussion:
Reiner Möckelmann
**Transit Istanbul–Palästina. Juden auf der Flucht aus
Südosteuropa (Theiss 2023)**

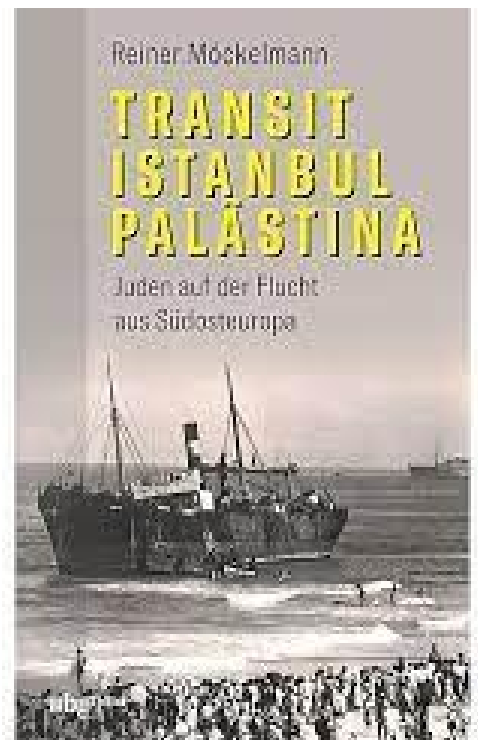
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The occupation of France by the Wehrmacht, Mussolini's entry into the war in the summer of 1940 and the German-Italian occupation of Greece in 1941 made it impossible for Jews to flee via almost all Mediterranean harbours. From Southeast Europe, the only way to escape the Nazis and the Holocaust was the difficult route via Istanbul to Palestine. Turkey, which was formally neutral, endeavoured not to provoke Nazi Germany. Only through a mainly clandestine, informal network in Istanbul, in which Angelo Roncalli, who later became Pope John XXIII, played an important role, was it possible to organise the escape of the Southeast European Jews to Palestine

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