

Questions, week 9 (Elon, Chaps. 9, 10, and Stille)

1. (Elon, Chap. 9) Do you agree with Einstein that Jews supported World War One “because they had no contact with life in the raw but only with life on the printed page (p. 328)”?
2. (Elon, Chap. 10) Were Eisner and Rathenau assassinated because they were Jews or because they favored the Allies?
3. (Stille) How could the Ovazza family “jump right from the ghetto to the burgeoning middle class (p. 24)”?
4. When should Ettore Ovazza have abandoned fascism? 1934? 1937? 1938?
5. Why did so many Jews join GL that it became known as a Jewish anti-fascist group (pp. 99-100)?
6. Why did Jews in Rome have to wait until 1870 for emancipation?
7. What determined which Di Vertolis survived the German occupation?
8. In Genoa, why didn't people act quickly in response to Teglio's warnings? Why did Teglio keep track of the first deporting train from Genoa to Auschwitz?
9. Given the Catholic Church's long hostility to Jews, why did the Genoese Catholic Church help Jews escape the Nazis?
10. How could the Schönheits still be living at home on November 15, 1943?