

## The Spanish Civil War

The clash of fascism, communism, and idealism

<b>Course #</b>	20FSC
<b>Format:</b>	Seminar
<b>Moderator:</b>	Gerald Goldman
<b>Date and Time:</b>	Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 10 weeks, starting September 22
<b>Location:</b>	Yiddish Book Center, Amherst
<b>Maximum number of participants:</b>	18
<b>Auditors accepted:</b>	Yes, up to 2

**Purpose:** The seminar will examine the origins, conduct and aftermath of the Spanish Civil War including the entry of fascist and Communist forces, Franco's leadership during and after the war, and the search for justice and closure today.

**Description:** The Spanish Civil War has never truly ended. Today, 45 years after the death of Franco and more than 80 years after the end of the republic the war goes on with charges and counter charges, exhumations of mass graves, TV documentaries, movies, and most recently the removal of Franco's remains from the gigantic mausoleum he built for himself to a family grave. Almost as many books have been written about this war as have been written about the Second World War. This was a war that actively involved Germany, Italy and the USSR, as well as the neutral countries of Great Britain, France and the United States. The war also brought to Spain volunteers from Europe and the United States who fought as part of the International Brigades. Our seminar will begin with an overview of Spanish history, then focus on the issues and events that brought on the war, its course, and its aftermath.

**Role of participants:** Participants will choose a topic from a list provided by the moderator and prepare a presentation of approximately 30 minutes followed by a discussion. Included among the topics will be a report on Picasso's mural *Guernica* and Hemingway's *For Whom the Bell Tolls*.

**Resources:** Required reading: *The Spanish Civil War: Reaction, Revolution and Revenge* (revised and expanded edition), W.W. Norton & Company, 2006, by Paul Preston.

**About the Moderator:** The moderator is a regular traveler to Spain who has had numerous discussions with Spaniards of all persuasions about the war's causes and excesses.