

# HOLOCAUST MEMORY AND JEWISH IDENTITY: REFLECTIONS ON AN ISRAELI SINOLOGIST

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One of the founders of Sinology in Israel, Irene Eber has left her fingerprints on almost all of aspects of Sino-Judaic cross-cultural communication. Some of her conclusions are unmistakably her own and pronouncedly different from those of other scholars, which merit more attention in Chinese academic circle. Meanwhile, she is a Holocaust survivor, and her traumatic experience as a hidden child in wartime Poland was narrated in her memoir *The Choice*. This remarkable book, with an undeniable authority on the plight of Children in the occupied lands during the Holocaust, not only evinces a nexus of the Holocaust memory and the Jewish identity, but also provides a key to perceive her academic orientation and to understand her academic choices.