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## **Hidden in Plain Sight: Women and Gender in "Bureau 06"**

**Sharon Geva**

Israel Police played a key role in the trial of Adolf Eichmann in Jerusalem (1961), a significant event in the history of the State of Israel. This was primarily due to Bureau 06, the special unit of the police for the investigation and interrogation of Eichmann. The article depicts the story of policewomen who served in Bureau 06 and examines their status in the unit from the gender perspective. It shows that although women were a minority, their roles were important to the Bureau and its achievements. The story of the policewomen in Bureau 06 reflects the status of women in Israeli society at that time and shows how the Eichmann investigation played a significant role in shaping women's status in the Israeli police in the early 1960s, which led to an increase in the number of women in the police force and opened new positions for them.

## **Establishment of the Haifa ARP (*Haga*) and its Activity during the Bombings of the City in World War II (1940-1942)**

**Haim Zarfaty**

The Haga organization was founded in 1939 because of concerns about the effect of aircraft integration into the battlefield, transforming the home front into the new front line and placing civilians, against their will, on the frontline of World War II. The British model that sought to address this threat, the Air Raid Precaution (ARP), was based on the recruitment of civilians for various emergency roles during bombings, some paid, others as volunteers, alongside firefighting and medical teams. The Jewish settlement in Palestine faced a similar threat, especially in Haifa, which served as a vital strategic center with crucial infrastructures for conducting the war. The refusal of the Mandatory government to allocate resources and personnel for the defense of the city forced the Jewish community in Haifa to provide its own response. The establishment of the organization was led by Mordechai Nimtza-Bi, who had considerable experience and expertise in establishing security organizations and was appointed as advisor to the Jewish Agency on this matter. The outcome was the organization now known as Haga. The article follows the establishment of Haga in Haifa, which occurred within a complex system of conflicting interests between Jews and British officials, as well as between the national and local institutions of the Jewish settlement. Even after the air attacks on Haifa began, the organization continued to be shaped, including the integration of the lessons learned during bombings into a set of working procedures and cementing its establishment in legislation to protect its organizational autonomy.

## **"The Criminal Theater of Shikmoni:" Criminals, Detectives, and Their Cultural Representations in the Criminal Investigation Department of the Israeli Police (1949-1969)**

**Nomi Levenkron & Orly Yordan**

The documentation of crime scenes and evidence collection on-site provide means for investigating the facts, subsequently enabling the court to determine whether the accused was guilty of the attributed offense. Hence, the field activity of the investigator attempting to identify the perpetrator is of great significance. One of the pioneering researchers in this field in Israel was Menasseh Shikmoni, who worked for many years as an arts and crafts teacher and at times engaged in the construction of theater sets. An idea, sparked by reading a detective novel, led to his recruitment into the Israel Police, transforming him into a key figure in the activities of the Criminal Investigation Department. The article traces the dual path of his work, both practical and symbolic: as a police investigator, Shikmoni developed various methods for interpreting crime scenes, relying on scientific practices from different fields; simultaneously, he became known in the media and within the police force as the Israeli embodiment of Sherlock Holmes, symbolizing the normative ability of society to triumph over the perpetrator through advanced, scientific, and rational means.