1. Record Nr. UNINA9910148847303321 Autore Hollander Ethan J Titolo Hegemony and the Holocaust: State Power and Jewish Survival in Occupied Europe / / by Ethan J. Hollander Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan, , 2017 **ISBN** 3-319-39802-4 Edizione [1st ed. 2017.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XV, 312 p. 7 illus.) 320.94 Disciplina Europe - Politics and government Soggetti World politics Europe, Central - History World War, 1939-1945 Politics and war **European Politics** Political History History of Germany and Central Europe History of World War II and the Holocaust Military and Defence Studies Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto 1. Introduction: Swords or Shields? -- 2. Scandinavia: The Banality of Goodness -- 3. Western Europe: The Politics of Judgment -- 4. Eastern Europe: The Benefits of Alliance -- 5. Conclusion: German Hegemony, State Power, and Jewish Survival. Sommario/riassunto This book explains why more Jewish people survived in some Germanoccupied countries compared to others during World War II. Hollander demonstrates that collaborators sometimes played a surprising role in ensuring Jewish survival. Where high-ranking governing officials stayed in their countries and helped Nazi Germany, they could often "trade" their loyal cooperation in military and economic affairs for inefficient or

incomplete implementation of the Final Solution. And while they

sometimes did this because they had sincere moral objections to Nazi

policy, they also did so because deporting local Jews was politically unpopular, because they regarded it as less important than winning the war, or because deporting Jews meant that the collaborators gave up potentially profitable opportunities to exploit them. This unique book has important implications for our understanding of state-sponsored violence, international hierarchy, and genocide, and it raises harrowing moral questions about the Holocaust and the nature of political evil.