

## **In the Shadow of the Trial – The Israeli Police (“Bureau 06”) in the Eichmann Trial Affair**

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There is no doubt regarding the importance of “Bureau 06” in the trial of Adolf Eichmann, a significant event in the history of Israel. However, the work of this special unit of the Israeli Police is commonly viewed as a prelude to the work of the prosecution team, which was led by Attorney-General Gideon Hausner. This article focuses on the story of the “Bureau 06” investigators and police officers and examines why “Bureau 06” remained relatively unknown during the affair and afterwards. I argue that “Bureau 06” was given a minor place on the margins of the Eichmann trial affair consciously, perhaps even intentionally. The reasons for that relate to this special unit’s core mission, the clandestine nature of the investigators’ work, the role of the police in their eyes, the individuals involved—who, unlike the prosecution team, remained unknown and did not publish their work—and the scarcity of relevant historical sources regarding “Bureau 06”, some of which are examined in this article for the first time.