President Weizman tells Germans he cannot forgive

As President of the State of Israel, I can mourn for [the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust] and commemorate them, but I cannot forgive in their name.

President Weizman of Israel applauded his audience in the German parliament after his speech in Hebrew yesterday.

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The same bristle tone has influenced the many German Jewish seminars that have been staged to coincide with the visit. At the Institute of German History at Tel Aviv University, Zohar Shavit, an Israeli historian, shocked her German colleagues with a scathing account of how German youth literature portrayed the Holocaust. In these books she said, Germans were often depicted as victims of the alien Nazis, Jews were romanticized or depersonalized activity and said:

"You are visiting a different, a democratic, a European Germany that has learnt its lesson from hate and genocide, war and expulsion and is aware of its responsibility."