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Bearing Witness to Hope: Journeys with Survivors

YOM HASHOAH - DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE 2011 COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION



Sally Wasserman with the couple who rescued her and today.

Area college students of all faiths and traditions travelled to the sites of Holocaust atrocities last May on a journey designed to teach them about the dangers of hate and intolerance. It was called "The March: Bearing Witness to Hope."

The "hope" of the title refers to the invaluable lessons learned by participants about

the perils of intolerance, that they can now pass onto others. One of the Holocaust survivors who accompanied the group, hidden child survivor Sally Wasserman, of Toronto, was saved because a Righteous Gentile couple chose to hide her when the Dombrova Ghetto was liquidated.

You can hear Sally speak at the **Community Commemoration of Yom Ha'Shoah, "Bearing Witness to Hope: Journeys with Survivors,"** sponsored by the Center for Holocaust Awareness and Information (CHAI) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester on **Sunday, May 1, 2011.** The program takes place at 4 PM at the JCC, 1200 Edgewood Avenue. It is free of charge and all are welcome.

Sally will tell her extraordinary story of being the only child survivor of the Dombrova ghetto and the only survivor of her immediate family, and of her eventual journey to a new life in Canada.

Sally was the recipient of the Canadian *Ve'ahavta* Relief Organization's Tikun Olam Award for her contributions to making the world a better place.

Also sharing their experience at the program will be two students who participated on The March.

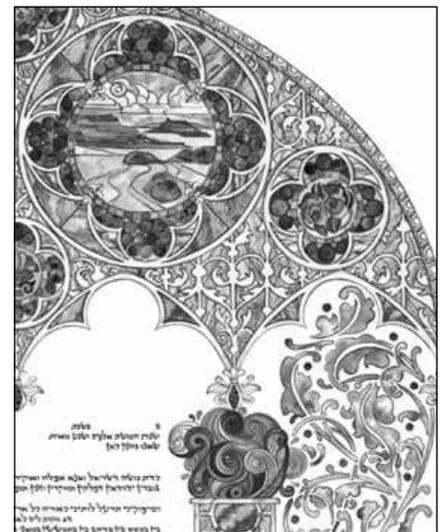
For more information about Holocaust remembrance programming, go to jewishrochester.org or call 461-0490.



Yom HaShoah in the Community

MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

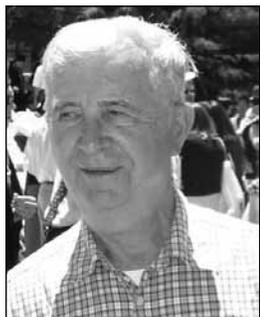
MCC's Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project presents its 21st Annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration on **Thursday, May 5th** from 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM. Featured will be the Calling of the Names and candle lighting ceremony. Holocaust survivor testimonials will feature Sam Rind from 10 AM - 11 AM and Eva Abrams from 11:30 - 12:30. The location is the R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center Atrium and Forum.



From **March 18th - May 6th, Beyond Genocide** will feature the Illuminated Manuscripts of Amy Fagin on Mondays from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. A special faculty lecture will take place on **Thursday, May 5th** at 1:00 PM at the R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center Forum (3-130). It is free of charge and open to the public.

Learn more about Amy Fagin's work (featured above) at 20thcenturyilluminations.com.

Remembering Alec Mutz



It is with great sadness that we note the passing of survivor Alec Mutz, who died in October, 2010.

A native of Tarnobrzeg, Poland, Alec was not yet a teenager when he joined his father and older brother as an able-bodied man to do forced labor. After surviving various camps, he was liberated by American soldiers

while on a death march at the age of 14. He arrived in the U.S. in 1949 with his father – the only other survivor of his immediate family.

Alex was reluctant to share his story until his daughter asked him to speak to her class in Brighton High School in the 1980's. He then realized how important it was for young people to hear first hand stories from actual survivors. Though it was painful for him to relive his experiences and he needed two weeks to recover between presentations, Alec began speaking to school and community groups. He had been working on putting his memories into a book with Brian Moore, chairman of the English Department at Canandaigua Academy. We are fortunate that the book, *Through the Eye of a Needle: A Story of Survival*, was completed just before Alec Mutz passed away. It is available at Amazon.com. Though Alec is gone and is greatly missed, his story will live on.

Award for Holocaust Study Presented



CHAI is delighted to announce the 2011 winner of the Barbara G. Appelbaum Holocaust Educator Award - **Robert Schneider**. Robert Schneider is an interdisciplinary humanities teacher at School Without Walls Foundation Academy. Rob has taught all over the world and much of the work he has done involves prejudice reduction. He

has been involved with CHAI's Survivor in the Classroom program since he began teaching at School Without Walls in 2006. His involvement with CHAI led to his being chosen to be part of a teacher exchange program with Modi'in, Israel. Since that trip in 2008, Rob has wanted to return to Israel to further his Holocaust studies and now he will have the opportunity to do so.

This award was established by the family of former CHAI director Barbara Appelbaum in 2007 as a way of recognizing her 22 year career in Holocaust education. Each year the Fund awards a full scholarship for summer study at the International School for Holocaust Studies in Jerusalem to an outstanding Rochester-area middle or high school school educator. The School housed at Yad Vashem, the world- renowned Holocaust Educational and Memorial Institution, offers a unique summer seminar, this July 10 - 28, for English- speaking educators from around the world to attend lectures by top experts in the field.

More Holocaust Programming in Our Community

SUNY BROCKPORT



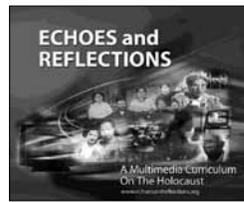
The College at Brockport will present **Marty Kalb**, Professor Emeritus from Ohio Wesleyan University, giving a talk entitled, "**Holocaust Portraits: Victims, Perpetrators, Witnesses**" on **Tuesday**,

April 12th at 6:00 PM in Edwards Hall on Holley Street, Room 104. The talk is free of charge.

Professor Kalb's paintings and drawings are included in over a dozen major museums throughout the U.S., including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. His work is included in publications including *Jewish American Artists and the Holocaust* by Matthew Baigell.

For information, call 395-2209.

ECHOES AND REFLECTIONS TRAINING



CHAI will offer a one-day Echoes and Reflections training program, primarily for teachers of high school students (adaptable for younger) on **Wednesday, August 24th** from 9 AM- 3:30 PM at the Jewish Federation, 441 East Ave. It is free of charge; contact Bonnie Abrams to register, babrams@jewishrochester.org.

Presented by Stephanie McMahon-Kaye of Yad Vashem. Echoes and Reflections is the result of a partnership between the Anti-Defamation League, the USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education, and Yad Vashem. This resource includes everything teachers need to teach the complex issues of the Holocaust and its lessons for today. This program is co-sponsored by the Rose and Joseph Denaro Interfaith Center. Learn more at echoesandreflections.org.

Yom HaShoah Interschool Registration

It Could Have Been Me: Remembering the Children of the Holocaust Interschool Program

**May 2, 2011
9 AM - 12 Noon**

9:00 AM Classes visit the JCC's Holocaust Memorial accompanied by local survivors who will share their stories and discuss the importance of the memorial

9:30 AM Children of The Holocaust, Video Presentation

10:00 AM Hidden Child Survivor, Sally Wasserman, shares her story

11:30 AM Candle Lighting Ceremony

Student class representatives will join survivors in lighting candles in memory of those who perished in the Holocaust. They will express their gratitude through readings to the survivors who bear witness.

This program is free to area 8-12th grade students and their teachers but space is limited. It will take place at the Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Avenue in Brighton. Please contact Bonnie Abrams at 461-0490 x250 / babrams@jewishrochester.org for more information.



Registration Form

It Could Have Been Me: Remembering the Children of the Holocaust

Teacher's Name: _____

Subject taught: _____

School: _____

Grade _____

E-mail address & phone number: _____

Please register my class for the May 2nd Interschool Workshop _____ # of students

I have students who wish to be considered for presentations / candle lighting _____

Registrations will be accepted in the order in which they are received. Please email your registration to soutlaw@jewishrochester.org or mail to: Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester, Attn: CHAI, 441 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607.



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CHAI Resources

Library & Media Center

The Center is a repository for resources on the Holocaust including 1,500 books, 400 videos and DVDs, 6 poster series and 70 survivor testimonies on audio and video tape. The library also contains a wide collection of pedagogical materials (curricula, study guides and course outlines) for those interested in teaching about the Holocaust and/or related subjects of discrimination; artifacts and original photographs collected from area survivors. Most materials are available for loan.

Services to Schools

The Center works with over 70 area schools and colleges to provide speakers as part of its Survivors in the Classroom project. Last year more than 14,000 students heard survivors give eyewitness testimony. We are also creating traveling trunk exhibits to provide schools when our survivors are no longer able to speak.

Teacher Training

CHAI offers an annual workshop for educators. Among the workshops we have held are the Anti-Defamation League's World of Difference Curriculum (in conjunction with the Strong Museum); Anne Frank in the World Exhibit; The Courage to Care Project; and a two-day Institute on Ethnic Hatred (in collaboration with SUNY Brockport and the George Eastman House). CHAI collaborates on programming with Monroe Community College's Holocaust Genocide Studies Project and The Interfaith Holocaust Study Group. The Center also arranges professional growth opportunities at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC and administers the Barbara G. Appelbaum Holocaust Educator Award for study at Yad Vashem.

The Center for Holocaust Awareness and Information (CHAI) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester is dedicated to the memory of the six million Jews who were murdered during the Holocaust. The Center is a testimony to the vanished European Jewish communities, the Jewish resistance fighters and the righteous among the nations who did not stand by in silence. CHAI is committed to the advancement of public awareness of the Holocaust and its lessons as well as to the broader issues of prejudice, racism and human rights. You can visit CHAI online at the Federation's website, www.jewishrochester.org/CHAI

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