

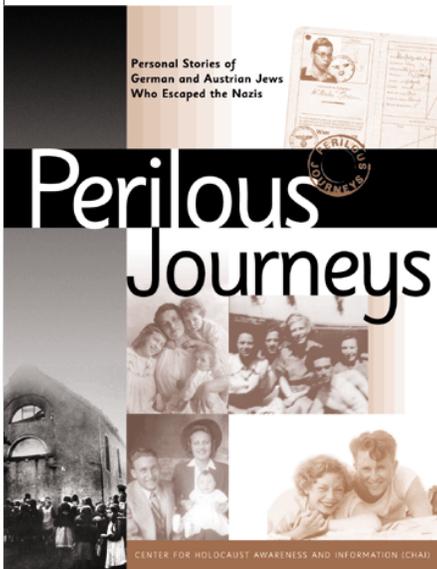
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UPDATE

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CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST AWARENESS AND INFORMATION

KRISTALLNACHT Perilous Journeys and the JCC Book Festival



The Center for Holocaust Awareness and Information (CHAI) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester is co-sponsoring this year's commemoration of Kristallnacht with the JCC Lane Dworkin Jewish Book Festival. Kristallnacht is the "night of broken glass" that ushered in the Holocaust in 1938. Scheduled for **Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 7 PM**, this unique program will recognize the contributions of Rochester area survivors, including those who are no longer with us, who have shared their stories. Their efforts and those of the many volunteers who helped preserve survivors' stories in 15 books, 150 interviews, photographic exhibits and other creative endeavors, will be honored.

Introducing CHAI's Poland Traveling Trunk

CHAI's first "Traveling Trunk," containing a complete Holocaust unit for middle schoolers with DVDs, books, maps, posters, photographs, artifacts and curriculum, covered the rise of the Nazi Party and the effects on the lives of German and Austrian Jews in the Third Reich. Now CHAI introduces the Poland Traveling Trunk, which picks up where the last one left off - with the invasion of Poland, the ghettos, camps and resistance. Lessons are focused on moral choices that influenced the survival of local Holocaust survivors from Poland - where most of prewar Europe's Jews lived. With the digitization of CHAI's audiovisual archive, students can hear local survivors tell their stories online.



At the program, a panel of *Democrat and Chronicle* journalists who contributed to *Perilous Journeys: Personal Stories of German and Austrian Jews Who Escaped the Nazis*, the first of CHAI's publications featuring local survivors' stories, will reflect on their experiences. Panelists will include: **Doug Mandelero, Mark Hare, Patti Singer and Michael Wentzel.**

Ronny Frishman, Book Festival Co-Chair and another journalist contributor to *Perilous Journeys*, will moderate the panel.

The program will include video clips featuring survivors' memories of Kristallnacht, now part of a *Perilous Journeys* web book at www.perilousjourneys.org.

A CHAI sponsored reception will follow the program.

Coming Soon...

CHAI recently digitized its audiovisual archive. RIT's Tom Zigon and former CHAI Director Barbara Appelbaum are working on making all known collections of local survivors' biographies, testimonies, photographs and multimedia interviews available on the internet. This project will be launched and featured at CHAI's community Holocaust Remembrance commemoration on **Sunday, April 23, 2017.**

Educators are invited to attend an open house to learn about this great new resource:

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016

or

Thursday, September 29, 2016

3 PM to 5 PM

Jewish Federation

441 East Ave.

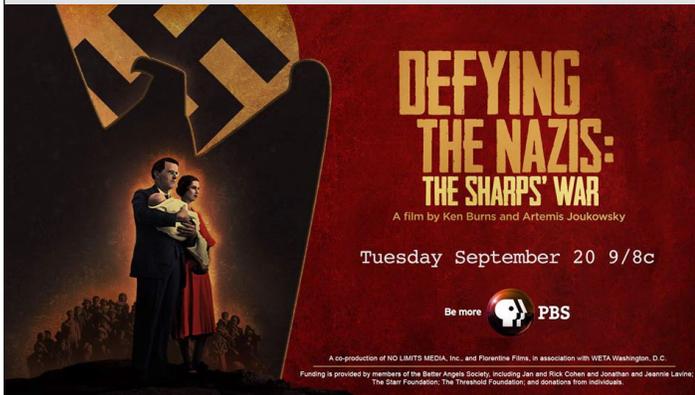
(corner of East Ave. and Sibley Place)

For information, contact
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More Kristallnacht, Holocaust Programs

Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War
New Ken Burns documentary
to air on WXXI, Sept. 20 @ 9 PM



In 2013, Rochester, N.Y. was one of sixty locations nationwide to screen an abridged version of the documentary, "Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War." The film documents the lives of the young Unitarian minister, Waitstill Sharp, and his wife, Martha, who undertook the mission of helping refugees in Prague starting in 1939.

The two young Wellesley residents eventually performed deeds of incredible daring and courage, rescuing Jewish children and adults from France, Germany and Czechoslovakia, eventually receiving the title of Righteous Among Nations at Yad Vashem. The film captures the incredible sense of integrity of these young parents as they left their children behind in the safety of the US to help save children facing certain death in Europe.

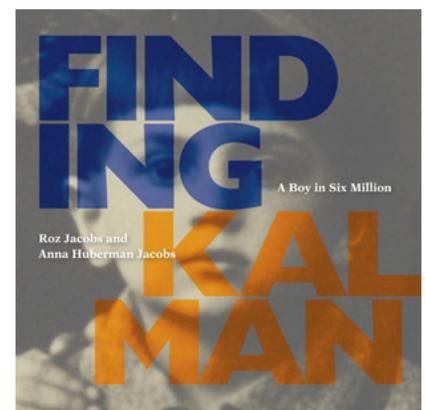
The story is told through their letters and journals, with Tom Hanks as the voice of Waitstill and Marina Goldman as the voice of Martha. It features interviews with some of the now-adult children saved by the Sharps, including one Rochester physician. Watch the trailer at www.defyingthenazis.org.

The Federation is proud to be an underwriter of WXXI's showing of "Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War."

"Finding Kalman"
A Boy in Six Million
25th Annual Kristallnacht Program
MCC Holocaust, Genocide, and Human
Rights Project
Thursday, November 10, 2016 @ 7 PM

The award-winning film "Finding Kalman" brings together history, biography, the power of art, and the universal experiences of love and loss as one family's journey of discovery teaches about the human capacity to bring light into darkness. In "Finding Kalman" Anna Jacobs, a teenager during the Holocaust, inspires her children and grandchildren with stories of her brother Kalman, a mischievous boy who tried to escape the Warsaw ghetto with her. As the film moves from archival footage in Poland to summers in the Catskills to the present day in the U.S. and Israel, viewers see how four generations grapple differently with their shared history. The program includes the film and discussion with Roz Jacobs and Laurie Weisman.

The program takes place in MCC's Warshof Conference Center, R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center, Monroe A & B, parking in lot M. Free of charge; tickets at www.monroecctickets.com.



Adult Education at the Rochester Kollel
Hitler and Hollywood: 1933-1939
February 2017

How did Hollywood portray the Third Reich?

Nazis were all but invisible in American movies at the time when depicting their savagery might have done the most good. What was the motivation for American studios avoiding any mention of the political climate in Germany?

Taught by Thomas Driscoll, this class takes place on Tuesdays, 6:30pm-8:30pm on Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Fee: \$40

Learn more at tbk.org.

Resources for Educators

EDUCATORS: Save The Date for a Field Trip for your Students!

**CHAI's Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) Interschool Program
Remembering and Honoring Local Holocaust Survivors
Monday, April 24, 2017, 9AM to 12 Noon**

With Elie Wiesel's passing this summer, we are reminded that we are losing important Holocaust survivor voices. The digitization of CHAI's audiovisual archive allows us to continue to listen to those voices and learn from them. How we - the next generations - can remember the lessons of the Holocaust and work toward creating a world without genocide will be explored in this interschool program.

This program is free to 8-12th grade students and their teachers but space is limited. Contact Bonnie Abrams at babrams@jewishrochester.org or (585) 241-8648.

Right: Students examine the Holocaust Memorial at last year's interschool program at the JCC.



The Center for Holocaust Awareness and Information (CHAI) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester works to ensure that the Holocaust and its lessons are not forgotten. The Center is located on site at the Jewish Federation, 441 East Avenue. CHAI can be reached by phone at (585) 461-0490.

Through our award winning "Survivors in the Classroom" program, these important witnesses address more than 17,000 students yearly, ranging from 6th graders through college students.

Other Components of CHAI include:

- Library and media center including books, DVDs and survivor testimonies
- Five locally published books of survivor memoirs provide valuable resources for teachers to use in their classrooms
- **www.perilousjourneys.org**, a web version of the book, *Perilous Journeys*, comprising the personal stories of peril and rescue as told by ten area Holocaust survivors
- Annual Teacher and Student Interschool Conferences
- Traveling trunks containing survivor artifacts, books, DVDs and curriculum materials
- CHAI Update. To register to receive a copy of CHAI Update via email, contact soutlaw@jewishrochester.org
- Community annual Yom HaShoah (Holocaust remembrance) commemorations
- Speakers' Bureau
- Poster series available for loan; photography exhibit for loan
- Curriculum and Resource Development
- Internships

To learn more, go to www.jewishrochester.org/CHAI or contact CHAI Director Bonnie Abrams, babrams@jewishrochester.org or 461-0490, ext. 8648.



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Shine the Light, Moses Man: Finding Home

In March 2017, the Center for Holocaust Awareness and Information (CHAI) and the Nazareth College Performing Arts Center will sponsor the highly acclaimed Deep Arts production, "Shine the Light, Moses Man: Finding Home." **School performances will be available.**

A powerful, live multi-media performance combining actors, music and actual testimony puts a human face on what might otherwise be just another chapter in a history book or just another news report today.

"Shine the Light" highlights and explores the comparisons between the experiences of the real life Holocaust survivor at the center of the musical Moses Man: Finding Home and those caught up in the tragic stories of displacement, persecution, discrimination and genocide in the world today.

"Moses Man: Finding Home" tells a true story of a Holocaust survivor who navigated through tremendous obstacles to find hope, home and freedom during one of history's darkest times, a story passed from survivor to grandson within the context of similar and escalating, current world events.

"Shine the Light" is a gateway to understanding, tolerance and compassion for next generations, that they might be inspired to strive for a better world.

For information about school performances, contact Deb Foster, Box Office Manager at Nazareth, 389-2172.



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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