

CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST AWARENESS AND INFORMATION (CHAI)



Jewish Federation
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Sharing Survivors' Stories Through the Arts YOM HASHOAH 2018 Holocaust Remembrance WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018



Dr. Erika Hughes

Keeping the testimony of Holocaust survivors alive once they are unable to share their stories in person is central to the mission of the Center for Holocaust Awareness and Information (CHAI). Last year, CHAI and the Louis S. Wolk JCC of Greater Rochester launched an online archive of Rochester Holocaust survivors, rochester-holocaustsurvivors.org, to further this mission. The JCC and CenterStage commissioned screenwriter and playwright Wendy Kout to create *Survivors*, a play made up of local survivors' testimony taken directly from the archive.

At this year's Yom HaShoah service of remembrance on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018 from 7-8:15 PM** at the JCC, 1200 Edgewood Avenue, keynote speaker Dr. Erika Hughes will address the power of teaching Holocaust

history through the arts. The JCC, co-sponsor of the program, will present an excerpt from *Survivors*. A candle lighting ceremony will also be part of the program.

Dr. Erika Hughes is Senior Lecturer in Drama and Performance at the University of Portsmouth. She has held research fellowships in Jewish Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Free University of Berlin, the University of Bonn, and the Technical University of Berlin. Her work has been published in numerous journals including the *Journal of European Studies*, *Theatre Topics*, *Youth Theatre Journal*, and *Performance Research*, as well as a number of edited volumes. Her work as a director for the stage has been seen in the United States, Germany, Israel, Pakistan, and the United Kingdom.

The program is free of charge and all are welcome.

Lunch & Learn

Community members will have an additional opportunity to learn from Dr. Erika Hughes at a Lunch & Learn on **Thursday, April 12th from 12-1 PM** at the Louis S. Wolk JCC. Dr. Hughes will address "Speaking Resistance: Performance, the Holocaust and Contemporary Jewish Identity" at this program, co-sponsored by the JCC.

Register at www.JewishRochester.org/Events.

YOM HASHOAH Interschool Program April 12 • 9:30-11:30 AM Louis S. Wolk JCC 1200 Edgewood Avenue

Wendy Kout's play *Survivors*, comprised of testimony of Rochester Holocaust survivors (from the archive www.rochesterholocaustsurvivors.org) as well as historic facts, will have its premiere at CHAI's Interschool program on **April 12, 2018**. This program, open to 8th-12th grade students and their teachers, will focus on the telling of stories with historical accuracy using the emotional impact of the arts.

Here's the morning's schedule:

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM Classes arriving early enough will visit the JCC's Holocaust Memorial and Remembrance Exhibit. Students will be accompanied by local survivors who will share their stories and the importance of the memorial to them.

10:00 AM: Premiere of new original play, *Survivors*. Dr. Hughes will conduct a workshop after the performance.

11:00 AM Candle lighting ceremony. Student class representatives will join survivors and their descendants in lighting candles in memory of those who perished in the Holocaust. Students are invited to share poetry, art or other readings.

For registration information, see the insert included in this newsletter or go to www.JewishRochester.org/CHAI.

Contact Bonnie Abrams, babrams@jewishrochester.org for more information.

More Holocaust Programming

Monroe Community College Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project 28th Yom HaShoah Commemoration

All are welcome to attend this annual commemoration on **Thursday, April 12th from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM**. The program includes survivor speakers and the reading of names of victims of the Holocaust. Brighton Campus, 1000 E. Henrietta Road, Thomas Flynn Campus Atrium.

For information, go to www.monroecc.edu/go/holocaust

Eastman School of Music Holocaust Remembrance Concert: A Time to Remember

The Eastman School of Music presents its annual Holocaust remembrance concert on **Sunday, April 15th, 7:30 PM** in Kilbourn Hall.

The program includes works of Erwin Schulhoff, Hans Krasa, Leo Smit, Lowell Liebermann and Roman Ryterband. It will feature Eastman faculty and guest performers.

Temple Beth El is sponsoring a kosher reception.

\$10 General Public, and free to U of R ID holders. Tickets at the door. 26 Gibbs Street

Information: www.esm.rochester.edu

University of Rochester Memory of the Shoah in Europe

The University of Rochester presents, Memory of the Shoah in Europe, on Thursday, April 19th at 7:30 PM.

On the 75th anniversary of the outbreak of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, a panel will discuss the memory of the Holocaust in various parts of Europe and the profound implications of being a collaborator, victim, bystander or resister.

The Panel – moderated by Dr. Thomas Fleischman, Assistant Professor in the Department of History – will consist of Professor Randall Stone, Director of the Skalny Center, Dr. Annamaria Orla-Bukowska, Skalny Visiting Professor from Jagiellonian University in Krakow, and Bonnie Abrams, Director, Center for Holocaust Awareness and Information (CHAI) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester.

Conference Room D (202) of the Humanities Center on the second floor of Rush Rhees Library, 755 Library Rd.

Free and open to the public. information: www.rochester.edu

Nazareth College Arts Center My Heart in a Suitcase

School groups in grades 4 - 8 may be interested in a popular performance opportunity offered again this year on **Tuesday, May 15th**.

Life in 1938 Germany is deteriorating quickly for the Lehmanns and Jews throughout the country. In order to protect their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lehmann may have to say goodbye to her forever, and Anne must struggle to bring meaning out of despair as she clings to love and hope even in a world that seems to be filled with hatred and violence.

Based on the autobiography of Anne Lehmann Fox, ArtsPower's gripping and poignant production about her family's decision to send her on the Kindertransport is a tribute to the strength of the human spirit and the enduring power of a family's love.

Presented by ArtsPower and co-produced by the Center for Holocaust Awareness and Information of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester. Information: www2.naz.edu



A TRIBUTE TO MOM, WE SURVIVED TOGETHER

BY SAMUEL RIND
AS TOLD TO JANET GOLDMAN



New Holocaust Survivor Memoir Published by CHAI

Sam Rind, Rochester based child survivor of the Holocaust, has shared his story with thousands of area students over many years. CHAI is pleased to announce the publication of his memoir, *A Tribute to Mom: We Survived Together*.

Sam will bring copies to all of his upcoming speaking engagements but copies can also be ordered

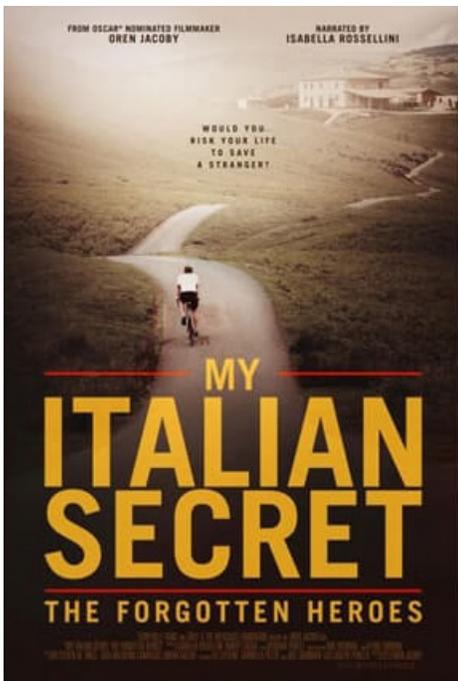
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Casa Italiana and the Jewish Federation **MY ITALIAN SECRET**



Casa Italiana and the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester will present a screening of *My Italian Secret*, a film by Oscar nominee Oren Jacoby, narrated by Isabella Rosellini, on **Thursday, April 26th**.

The film tells the saga of Italians who rescued Jews and other refugees fleeing the Nazis in World War II. It features Gino Bartali, the charismatic Italian cycling hero who risked his life over and over to save innocent lives.

The film will be presented at Nazareth College in the Linehan Chapel at 7:00 PM. A talkback by Vincent Marmorale, President of the Italy and the Holocaust Foundation, will take place after the film.
Information: www2.naz.edu

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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