



If Only...! Benefit To Honor the Micki & Gary Joseph Family

The Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center (HHREC) is happy to announce that our Annual Benefit will take place on the evening of Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at the Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club. Honorees for the evening will be the Micki and Gary Joseph Family of Eastchester. Benefit co-chairs this year are Ellen and Scott Baken of Scarsdale and "Mike" and David Faust of Larchmont. Once again we are grateful to board member Bernard Rosenshein for making the evening possible at the Beach & Yacht Club.

Our honorees Micki and Gary Joseph both began their lives in Europe, fleeing at a young age with their families at the onset of World War II. The Joseph's unique history of commitment to education and community is evident in all their endeavors, which include UJA, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Wiener Library in London. Gary, currently serving as Secretary on the Executive Committee of the HHREC, has been a member of the board since 2001. We applaud the Josephs for their dedication to Holocaust and human rights education.

Program highlights will include remarks from featured speaker Irving "Yitz" Greenberg. Among many other roles, Dr. Greenberg served as the Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. As a noted scholar and author, Dr. Greenberg has written extensively on the Holocaust as a transforming historical event and is a leading expert on religious pluralism. The evening will also include our first live auction, with Tony Aiello of WCBS-TV acting as our auctioneer.

Energetic board members and volunteers make the benefit memorable each and every year. This year's benefit committee members include Jill Cooper, Melissa Fastov, Elise Flagg, Abigail Kirsch, Lee Laster, Shari Lidsky, Rita Lowenstein, Susan Rothschild, committee chair Lilly Singer, and Paula Yormak.



Gary and Micki Joseph

Proceeds from the evening will be allocated to the HHREC's Annual Fund, supporting our ongoing educational outreach programs, including lectures, seminars, teacher conferences and Speakers Bureau programs. For seating and journal information, please call the HHREC at 914.696.0738.

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Coming soon....

Watch your mailbox for our new look!

In the next few months, the HHREC will be introducing this new logo and revamped website. Our web address will be the same:
www.holocausteducationctr.org

Let us know what you think!

Public Programs 2008-2009

Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 6 pm

HHREC Annual Benefit

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Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club
Ticket Information, 914.696.0738

Thursday, November 20, 2008, 4 pm

Focus Seminar

Children of the Holocaust: Belgian Nuns and their Daring

Rescue of Young Jews from the Nazis

Suzanne Vromen

Thursday, February 5, 2009, 4 pm

Focus Seminar

Unlearning Intolerance: Education for Understanding

Mark Weitzman

Thursday, February 26, 2009, 7:30 pm

Distinguished Lecture

The Responsibility to Protect: The Way Forward

Sheri Rosenberg

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Human Rights Institute for High School Student Leaders

Contact Marlene W. Yahalom, Ph.D., Director of Education, for registration details. 914.696.0738

Thursday, March 26, 2009, 7:30 pm

Distinguished Lecture

Genocide in the 21st Century: Can It Be Stopped? Find Out How

Mark Hanis

Thursday, April 23, 2009, 7:30 pm

Distinguished Lecture and Yom Hashoah Commemoration

When They Came to Take My Father

Mark Seliger

Sunday, April 26, 2009, Time TBA

Garden of Remembrance Yom Hashoah Commemoration

Noam Bramson, keynote speaker

Garden of Remembrance, 148 Martine Ave. White Plains

May 2009 Date TBD, 7:30 pm

Community Interfaith Holocaust Commemoration

Shaarei Tikvah, 46 Fox Meadow Road, Scarsdale, NY

* unless otherwise noted, all events take place in Reid Hall, Manhattanville College

HHREC Presentation of *No Way Out* Brings Thoughtful Comments

Thanks to a grant from Westchester County, this past May the HHREC presented *No Way Out*, a staged reading of letters documenting one German Jewish family's struggle to escape the Holocaust. Here we share the reactions of several of the 1500 students and teachers who saw the program in area schools. The Center plans to repeat the program in the spring of 2009. We welcome interested teachers and administrators to contact Director of Education Marlene W. Yahalom, Ph.D. at 914.696.0738 for scheduling information.



Teacher:

This production allows the audience to consider the events that took place in Europe on a personal level. Having the opportunity to see what happens to one single family lets the students understand the difficulties and gradual escalation of the persecution of the Jews in Nazi Europe. This is a very valuable contribution to Holocaust and Human Rights education.

Student:

This play made the Holocaust seem very real. It was sad to see that not everyone in the Deutsch family was able to leave Germany but most of them did after all. This play showed how it is important to have hope and not to give up no matter how bad a situation seems to be. This was a good way to tell the story of the Holocaust for one family in Germany.

Student:

This play made it easy to identify with a Jewish family trapped in Germany during the Holocaust. This play showed how the Germans betrayed the Jews who lived in their country. Although the circumstances were very difficult, this family did not give up their hope to reunite again. The letters were very interesting and important. This is a good way to teach about the Holocaust.

Teacher:

No Way Out is the gentle, tender and authentic story of a loving family. It is well crafted without being horrific. Susan Shear turns her family's experience into history and allows us to learn, on a personal level, how one family did not give up. Even though not every member of this family was able to find a safe haven in another country, there are many lessons we can teach our students from this creative and innovative program.

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Mission:

The Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center is an interfaith, not-for-profit organization serving Westchester, Putnam and Fairfield Counties. Our mission is to enhance the teaching and learning of the lessons of the Holocaust and the right of all people to be treated with dignity and respect. We encourage students to speak up and act against all forms of bigotry and prejudice.

BOARD NEWS

The HHREC is proud to welcome two new members to our Advisory Board: Judy Chriss and Janet DiFiore. Judy Chriss' recruiting firm Chriss Careers has been in operation for over 25 years, with clients in Westchester, New York City and Fairfield County. Janet DiFiore, a lifelong Westchester resident, was elected District Attorney in 2005 after serving in a variety of judicial capacities. The Advisory Board plays a key role in helping the HHREC achieve our goals and we are grateful for their efforts.