

LEGACY

Keeping the History and Lessons of the Holocaust Alive



L'Chaim 2015 Special Edition

DATES TO REMEMBER

Holiday Office Closings

November 26-27, 2015
December 24-25, 2015
December 31, 2015
January 1, 2016

BHEC Annual Meeting

December 7, 2015

Friedman Scholarship Deadline

January 15, 2016

Survivor Eva Kor Forgiveness Program at St. Luke's Episcopal

January 28-29, 2016

I Never Saw Another Butterfly / For a Look or a Touch Musical Program at Lyric Theatre

March 5, 2016

Holocaust in Film Series

February 28, 2016
March 3, 2016
March 13, 2016
April 3, 2016

2016 Yom HaShoah Program

May 1, 2016

L'Chaim 2016—SAVE THE DATE!

August 21, 2016

TDIL / DIL Exhibitions

Vulcan Park (DIL)
Through May 16, 2016

John Carroll Catholic High School
Through December 4, 2015

Alabama School of Fine Arts
January 5-29, 2016

Riverchase Middle School
February 1-5, 2016

Homewood Middle School
February 8-12, 2016

Teacher Cadre Programs

November 17, 2015
January 28, 2016
March 10, 2016

Teacher Workshops

University of Alabama/Huntsville
January 11, 2016

Samford University
January 12, 2016

L'Chaim 2015

Thank you for making L'Chaim 2015 honoring Brenda & Fred Friedman and Holocaust Educators a success!

"Seventy years have passed since the liberation of the Nazi death camps...70 years is only a blink of an eye in time, but long enough to understand the Holocaust happened in a world similar to the one we live in today...and calls for our extermination—which we must heed and never minimize—often go unchecked and appeased. While we don't have weapons of war to fight this hatred and evil, we're armed with the weapons of community and organizations like the BHEC who educate the people of this state about the history of the Holocaust so that new generations—our teachers and their students—will apply the lessons of the Holocaust to fashion a more just, humane, and tolerant future, to drown out the voices of hate and evil."

-Brenda and Fred Friedman, L'Chaim 2015

L'Chaim 2015 attendees were provided with a moving program produced by BHEC Vice President Deborah Layman. *What We Saw* featured the words of two local men who were present during the liberation of the concentration camps, Travis Ray Carter and the late J. George Mitnick. We were lucky to have Mr. Carter and his son, William Carter, in attendance, as well as Mr. Mitnick's daughter, Ronne Hess, and granddaughter, Emily Hess Levine.



L'Chaim Honorees Fred & Brenda Friedman with BHEC President Phyllis Weinstein

Darby Baird, Homewood Middle School



Guests heard from teachers who had benefitted from the Friedman Scholarship Program and watched a video produced by students in a year-long Holocaust Studies class at Shades Valley High School. We were treated to show tunes from local musician Gabriel Tajeu. Everyone in attendance was moved by the remarks of honorees Brenda and Fred Friedman on why they support the BHEC and what the work of Alabama teachers means to them.

The L'Chaim 2015 campaign raised over \$150,000!



L'Chaim 2015 Photos by Nik Layman

Sam Chalker. Ward Haarbauer. Alan Goldspiel & Cantor Jessica Roskin. Birmingham Community Mass Choir. Gabriel Tajeu.

THANK YOU!!!

We would like to thank everyone involved in *L'Chaim 2015* for their diligent hard work to ensure a successful campaign.

OUR HOST COMMITTEE—Thank you for taking the time to be passionate ambassadors for the BHEC. You helped us solicit gifts from not only many of our devoted supporters, but also introduced the work of the BHEC to so many new members of our community:

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L'Chaim Co-Chair Gen. Krulak



Liberator Travis Ray Carter with
Deborah Layman

OUR BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF—Thank you for going the extra mile and putting in the additional hours this summer: Deborah Layman, Ann Mollengarden, Cathy Friedman, Joel Rotenstreich, Denise Lewis, and Program Director Rebecca Dobrinski, all working under the leadership of Board President Phyllis Weinstein.

OUR VOLUNTEERS—A special thank you to the event volunteers for making the day run so smoothly: Pam Baugh, Jamie Broday, Lisa Byrd, Katherine Cardona, Chase Childs, Alan Datnoff, Isa Dorsky, Laurie Elmets, Julie Howard, Julie Jackson, Valerie Jones, Kelly Kahn, Josh Kirk, Wade Kwon, Nik Layman, Esther Levy, Christa and Tad Lidikay, Cheryl Morgan, Wray Pearce, Lynn Raviv, Nadav Raviv, Karen Scott, Boris Shilkrot, Florina Shilkrot, Joyce Spielberger, and Chelsea Tucker.

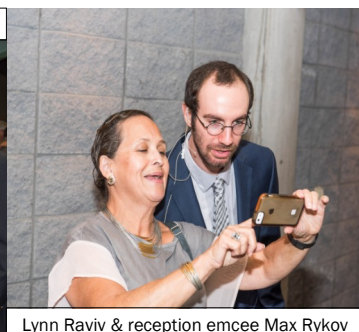
OUR TALENTED BAKERS—Another special thanks to this year's bakers, who provided a delicious array of sweets for everyone to enjoy: Barbara Aland, Barbara Bonfield, Lisa Byrd, Freda Centor, Pamela Cohen, Eileen Cohn, Rebecca Dobrinski, Laurie Elmets, Arlene Fisher, Esther Levy, Denise Lewis, Cindy May, Judy Borisky-Metzger, Ann Mollengarden, Carrie Pizitz, Lynn Raviv, Donna Schiff, Gail Schuster, Joyce Spielberger, Ellen Sokol, Cynthia Spruell, Sandy Stern, Debbie Tuck, Phyllis Weinstein, Eva Wilensky, and Melissa Zivitz. In addition to the desserts, Rosalyn Bloomston catered the post-event hors d'oeuvres and Pam Ruttenberg designed the floral arrangements.

OUR TEACHERS—We also want to thank the teachers who return from these advanced seminars inspired and re-invigorated to teach the Holocaust, as well as their students who are so eager to learn. May you take these lessons with you and make the world a better place. And, finally...

OUR SURVIVORS—Your willingness and commitment to sharing your stories continues to inspire us and will inform and inspire future generations. You are why we do this and what keeps us committed to educating the people of Alabama. Thank you Martin Aaron, Zinaida Golubova, Max Herzel, Riva Hirsch, Robert May, Ilse Nathan, Jack Schniper, Leonid Shilkrot, Tatyana Shitsel, Leon Skurko, Ruth Siegler, Max Steinmetz, and Anya Treyger, and in blessed memory Henry Aizenman, Jack Bass, Jenny Cohen, and Aisic Hirsch.



Survivor Max Steinmetz & family



Lynn Raviv & reception emcee Max Rykov



Survivor Max Herzel & wife, Cecille Herzel



Brenda & Fred Friedman, with daughter
Leah Cohen, & Rosalyn Bloomston

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The mission of the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center (BHEC) is to educate the people of Alabama about the history of the Holocaust so that new generations will apply the lessons of the Holocaust to the construction of a more just, humane, and tolerant future. By preserving and sharing the stories of local Holocaust survivors and commemorating the events of the Holocaust and the lives of those who perished, the BHEC seeks to promote a moral and ethical response to prejudice, hatred, and indifference for the benefit of all humanity.

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