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L'Chaim

Honoring Becky Seitel and Mitzi J. Levin

Sunday, August 25, 2:30 PM
Temple Emanu-El

Kristallnacht Commemoration Program

Monday, November 11

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United Nations International Commemoration

Monday, January 27, 2014

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Sunday, August 25, 2013, 2:30-4:00 pm

Temple Emanu-El

Brenda & Fred Friedman, Honorary L'Chaim Chairs



Featuring:

Interview with Becky Seitel and Mitzi J. Levin, creators of *Darkness into Life*
Sticks & Stones, original dramatic sketches by Hoover High School students
Music by Aleksandra Kasman, Cantor Jessica Roskin, The Magic Shtetl Klezmer Band, and The Birmingham Community Mass Choir

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Yad Vashem has recognized more than 24,000 non-Jews from 45 countries as "Righteous Among the Nations" -- men and women who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. Some of their names are well known to us: Oskar Schindler and Raoul Wallenberg, for example. Others have received little notoriety, but their sacrifices and dedication are remembered and honored by Jews around the world.

There are also Righteous Gentiles who never received official recognition from Yad Vashem, yet played a profound part in ensuring the survival of men, women, and children, including some of our own survivors here in Alabama. Our gratitude to all of those who stood with the Jewish people during the dark days of the Holocaust is unbounded.

In our own community, we have two very special Gentile women who have rescued the stories of Alabama Holocaust survivors, and through their talents and energies, have preserved this history and its lessons for future generations. Becky Seitel and Mitzi J. Levin's masterwork, *Darkness into Life*, tells the stories of our Alabama Holocaust survivors through photography, paintings, and narratives. This remarkable and powerful exhibit has been viewed in schools and civic venues all over the state. Thanks to Becky and Mitzi, hundreds and hundreds of students and adults have been impacted by the stories of our survivors and the lessons they impart.

Join us as we honor the "Righteous Among the Nations" and these two remarkable Birmingham women who have made such an important contribution to Holocaust education in our state.

Another Giant Step Forward!

Phyllis Weinstein, Chair

In 2005, Becky Seitel and Mitzi J. Levin presented us with a proposal to create artwork and photography of our Birmingham Holocaust survivors so that their experiences could be preserved for all time. Their creation, *Darkness into Life*, has opened many doors for us and has increased knowledge and interest in the Holocaust immeasurably throughout the state. We are proud to honor Becky and Mitzi in August at the BHEC's annual *L'Chaim* event. Since the addition of *Darkness into Life*, we are eager to open a gateway into the broader Birmingham community, seeking funds to make possible another giant step forward in the journey of the BHEC.

As we often report, the BHEC is a volunteer organization. The dedicated leaders who spend hours creating programs, workshops, our *Legacy* newsletter, and many other activities are not compensated for their time and effort. The hard work of our devoted volunteers has attracted the attention of many throughout our state. Now, the requests we receive far exceed our ability to fulfill these needs. It is time to move forward, time to add professional leadership to guide us as we continue our important work.

Cathy Friedman, a relentless advocate in the local non-profit arena, has volunteered to move us forward as Chair of *L'Chaim*. She is meeting with many from the broader Birmingham community in addition to our loyal supporters to raise awareness of the BHEC and its financial needs. Through her endless connections, she has invited a Host Committee of community leaders, some of whom for the first time are hearing the story of the Holocaust as we in Birmingham know it.

This issue of *Legacy* brings some interesting stories to your attention that I hope you will enjoy reading. If you have a Holocaust/WWII story to relate, let us know! We look forward to adding all related stories from this time in history to our archives and to feature them in our newsletter.

Mark your calendar for *L'Chaim*, to be held at Temple Emanu-El on Sunday, August 25. Our Honorary Chairs, Brenda and Fred Friedman, and our Host Committee look forward to having you join us to honor Becky and Mitzi in appreciation of their accomplishment, *Darkness into Life*. Your support of the BHEC through this event will help us reach our goals for our future growth.

What's In Your Basement?

Ann Mollengarden, Education Coordinator



Sissy Held had no idea what was in her basement. She and her husband, Leonard, were packing up for a move, and she knew Leonard had some memorabilia he wanted to share with the BHEC. She accompanied Leonard to the BHEC office to listen to what he had to say.

Leonard had placed several items in a box in the basement that he wanted to hold onto after the war. All were items given to him by colleagues, but it was time for them to find a permanent home. Among the items were a Nazi banner (pictured); a leather German motorcycle messenger bag; a German guide to airplanes for enlisted men; U.S. booklets on field first aid, language, and coming back to civilian life; and miscellaneous items for cleaning a gun. Several guns and pistols had previously been given to a friend.

Leonard was drafted in 1943 after obtaining his degree from the University of Alabama. He became part of the Army Specialist Training Corps (ASTP) that was established by the War Department in 1942 to supply the military with college-trained men of special expertise. Leonard's training took him to several college campuses, including St. Bonaventure College in New York and Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Ultimately placed in the 104th Infantry Division (Timber Wolves) under Major General Terry de la Mesa Allen, Leonard shipped out to Europe in July 1944. He became a switchboard operator, a lucky position in his eyes because they were the farthest back from the front, often working from buildings and towns that had already been freed. His division was charged with protecting the northern end of the Bulge during the Battle of the Bulge and he vividly recalled the terrible conditions and the massive air attacks. Although his division was rarely in the line of fire, death was all around. "You just had to be a fatalist to get through the war."

When the war ended in August 1945, Leonard became an educator for the Army, instructing returning GI's about what to expect when they returned home. He developed a lasting friendship with his teaching partner from Birmingham, John Harbert.

All came full circle a few years ago when Leonard was able to go on an Honor Flight with his son, Jerry Held. Honor Flights honored veterans with a visit to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. It was now time for his memorabilia from the basement to find a new home and for others to know about his experience.

The BHEC gratefully appreciates Leonard's donations and welcomes any memorabilia from World War II that others might find in their basement. Let us know, and share your stories.



Kristallnacht 75th Anniversary, SAVE THE DATE !

Esther Schuster, Program Chair

November 9, 2013 marks the 75th anniversary of the violent events that took place throughout Germany that launched the Holocaust. The Birmingham Holocaust Education Center will commemorate *Kristallnacht*, "The Night of Broken Glass," on Monday, November 11, 2013 with an inside view into the experiences of those who lived through that night.—those who watched, those who perpetrated, those whose lives were changed forever.

Historian Ann Millin, Ph.D., is in the Leadership Programs Division of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's National Institute for Holocaust Education. She is the co-curator of the websites for two of the Museum's special exhibitions, "State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda" (2009) and "Some Were Neighbors: Collaboration & Complicity in the Holocaust" (2013). She will share with us the stories and the dilemmas raised by one of the most horrific events in history.

The *Shoah* inspires mourning and remembrance. This program commemorating the upcoming 75th Anniversary of *Kristallnacht* will help us understand how the choices and behaviors of ordinary people, people like us, can change the world—for better or for worse.

Save the date...November 11, 2013...and watch for more details.



Barbara Solomon, Exhibit Coordinator

Darkness into Life has Doubled in Size!

The BHEC offices have been quite a sight to see this summer! The walls and floor space are covered from top to bottom with the beautiful artwork and incredible stories that comprise the BHEC's prized exhibit *Darkness into Life*. Both versions of the exhibit are back from their yearlong tour of the state of Alabama, covering both rural and urban settings, always with the goal of fulfilling the mission of the BHEC—to teach about the Holocaust and to tell the stories of our Alabama survivors so that we may do what we can to ensure that such atrocities never happen again. It takes my breath away to see the original and the traveling exhibits displayed together. One mirrors the other. The original exhibit, created by Becky Seitel and Mitzi J. Levin, shows off 78 beautiful pieces of artwork. Biographies and narratives accompany the artwork and tell the stories of unimaginable cruelty, of survival, and of acts of heroism.

The Traveler Darkness into Life (TDIL)

TDIL debuted at our fundraiser *L'Chaim* event August 2012. The funds for the traveler version were raised partially by friends of one of our featured survivors, Max Steinmetz. Their tribute to both Max and his wife Betty initiated the process of creating this incredibly user-friendly version of the original exhibit. It can be loaded into the trunk of a car and installed in under half an hour by just two people. Because of this, the TDIL has been in high demand this past academic year and has traveled throughout the state. It is especially requested by schools that do not have the space or the resources to install and display the original exhibit.

Darkness into Life Inspires

The exhibit inspires the host venues to use the stories of the Holocaust to teach about such issues as prejudice, tolerance, social justice, peer pressure, and bullying. It serves as a jumping off point for the venues to create programs around it. Very often, venues will request speakers to come and talk about the Holocaust while they are hosting the exhibit. But, additionally, they generally create their own programs in preparation for the exhibit or in response to it. For instance, when Cherokee Bend Elementary School hosted the exhibit, they created a list of questions that served as a scavenger hunt for the students. Horseshoe Bend Community sent us beautiful tiles that their students created around the Holocaust theme. Schools in rural areas of the state open up the exhibit to the general community, hosting opening receptions. Schools train students to act as docents, make efforts to include the topic of the Holocaust in many areas of the curriculum.

From Madison County's Bob Jones High School to Ranburne, AL to Tallapoosa County, Troy, Dothan and Montgomery, our two exhibits have inspired teachers, professors, high school students, and college students this past year. And in return, these Alabama communities have inspired us with their devotion to teaching about the Holocaust and their remembrance for the 6 million who perished.

If you are interested in viewing our exhibit, call the BHEC office and let us know when you would like to come. The original exhibit is open for viewing and will be, until further notice. Please contact Barbara Solomon, Exhibit Coordinator, through the BHEC office (205) 795-4176 or visit our website, www.bhamholocausteducation.org, to arrange to have our exhibit in your community.



The Voices of the Holocaust

Denise Lewis, Speaker Coordinator

In 2013, our Holocaust survivors and Second Generation speakers have spoken to hundreds of students at schools and have presented at many churches and civic organizations. This has been one of our busiest years for speaking engagements. Our speakers have traveled throughout Alabama, and Max Herzel even traveled to Fayetteville, Arkansas, where Riva and Aisic Hirsch will also be going in October.

We extend our gratitude to our Holocaust survivors who have shared their stories throughout our city and state: Max Herzel, Riva and Aisic Hirsch, Robert May, Ruth Siegler, Max Steinmetz, and Henry Stern. We appreciate the time that they take to share their stories and help us keep these stories “alive” to future generations.

Speaker and Designation	Venues*
Martin Aaron (Survivor)	Northview High School (Dothan—via Skype)
Robert Adler (Second Generation)	Buckhorn Middle School (New Market); Ft. Payne Junior High School, Colbert County High School, Ruhama Junior High (Lookout Mtn.), Rotary Club (Florence and Columbus, MS), Exchange Club (Florence), New Prospect United Methodist Church
Max Herzel (Survivor)	Pike Liberal Arts School (Troy); FBI (Birmingham); Irondale Middle School; Thompson Middle School (Alabaster); Jacksonville High School; Sumiton Elementary School; Prince of Peace School (Birmingham); Galleria Woods Retirement (Birmingham); Arkansas University (Fayetteville, AR); Horizons Unlimited (Alexander City); First Baptist Church (Indian Springs); Trinity United Methodist Church (Birmingham)
Aisic Hirsch (Survivor)	Birmingham Public Library; Duran Junior High School (Pell City)
Riva Hirsch (Survivor)	DAR Women’s Program (Birmingham); Leeds High School; Duran Junior High School (Pell City)
Denise Lewis (Second Generation)	Horseshoe Bend School (New Site); Childersburg High School; Horizons Unlimited (Alexander City); Riverchase Methodist Church (Birmingham)
Robert May (Survivor)	Gardendale High School
Ann Mollengarden (Second Generation)	Gardendale High School
Ruth Siegler	Daughters of the American Revolution (Birmingham)
Max Steinmetz (Survivor)	Cherokee Bend Elementary School (Birmingham); Shades Valley High School (Birmingham); Pleasant Grove High School; Jewish War Veterans (LJCC Birmingham); Rotary Club (Birmingham); Indian Springs School

*Cities are in Alabama unless otherwise indicated.

Our Educational Reach

Ann Mollengarden, Education Coordinator

Since the BHEC organized in 2002, we have positioned ourselves as an educational outreach organization, originally focusing on the greater Birmingham area. Today we provide programming throughout the state of Alabama. By providing readily accessible, pedagogically sound resources, we are able to encourage teachers to spend more classroom time exploring the history and lessons of the Holocaust. The result, they will tell you, is mutually rewarding. Our backbone is our website, providing Holocaust education resources that we have created in-house, as well as extensive links designed for classroom use.

Our teacher training is multi-tiered:

Teacher Workshops:

In 2009 we offered our first state-wide, full-day teacher workshops.

Holocaust scholar and author Alexandra Zapruder was our guest in Monroeville, Montgomery, Birmingham, and Florence.

In 2011 and 2012 we brought the Shoah Foundation's Echoes & Reflections curriculum to Bay Minette, Montgomery, Dothan, Birmingham, and Huntsville.

In each case, teachers attended for free, receiving instructional materials for their classroom as well as reimbursement for teacher substitutes.

Teacher Scholarships:

Thanks to the generosity of Brenda and Fred Friedman, we are also able to offer scholarships to teachers, allowing them to attend nationally recognized Holocaust education workshops at institutions like the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Facing History & Ourselves, the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, and Yad Vashem.

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Letters From School Children to Speakers Riva and Aisic Hirsch, Survivors

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch,
 The words you shared with me today took the very breath out of me and left me practically in a trance of thought the rest of my time at school. The unimaginable horror of the Holocaust you experienced as a child will never be forgotten. Thank you for sharing your stories with me today, and filling me with information I never would have had without you. From your stories, I learned that although evil was everywhere, there were still a few people like the priest and the father of the family Mr. Hirsch went to, whom helped the Jews. I also learned of the sickness and hunger of the people in the Holocaust like what Mrs. Hirsch experienced. The speech you gave to my grade today impacted me tremendously.

Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Hirsch for coming. The information was very useful. I understand that it must be very hard to talk about. I talked to my parents about your speeches over the weekend. This information was very useful to grasp an image of what happened. It has helped me understand how great that I have it here in the United States of America.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Hirsch,

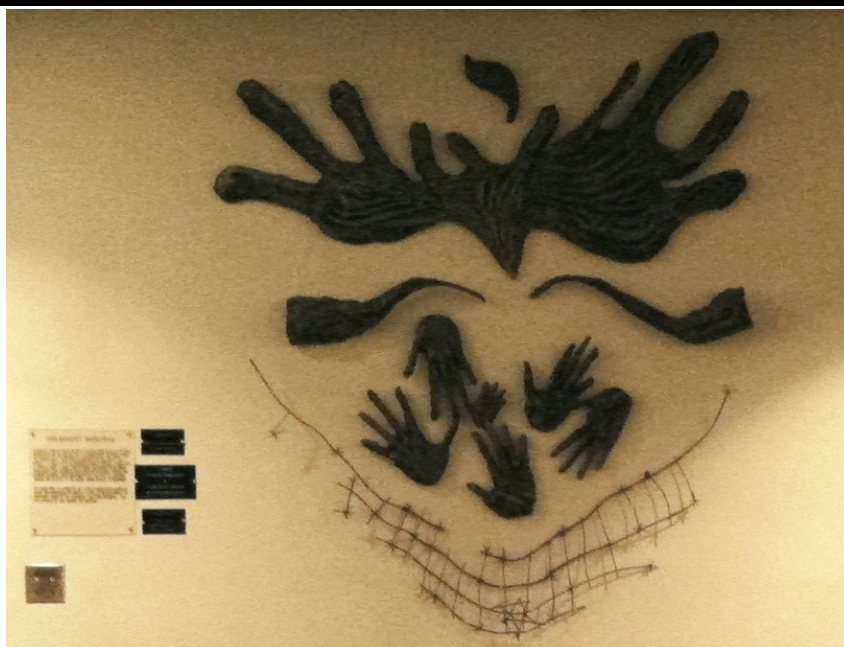
I really enjoyed your speech that you told us today. I happen to know a lot about WWII, but I was shocked to find out that friends would turn on friends as in your case. It's one thing to read about the Holocaust, but it's so much more to listen to survivors. I was shocked about what I heard, especially how the Germans didn't value your life one bit. I'm terribly sorry, but happy that you are safe now in the United States.

The Holocaust Memorial in the Temple Beth-El Sanctuary

Lana Jaffe, Office Manager, Editor

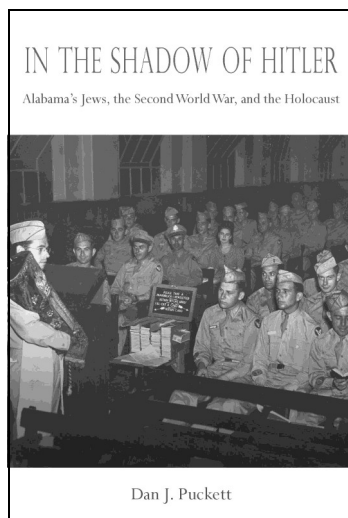
"A mangled Star of David encased in barbed wire recalls the Nazi persecution of the six million. Six hands rise like smoke from the barbed wire. Each hand represents one million of our people: a man's tefillin enwrapped hand, a woman's hand with a marriage band, a small child's hand, and three other hands. Each hand is not separate and alone, but touching, symbolizing interrelatedness; each hand grasps out not only in shrieking terror, but in a cry to the entire Jewish people to remember.

The hands rise to a greeting by a pair of shofarot blasting in agony and announcing the arrival of the six million under the protective wings of the shechinah, the divine presence. The yod, symbolic of God, crowns the memorial."



In the Shadow of Hitler

Dr. Dan J. Puckett, Troy University



In the Shadow of Hitler: Alabama's Jews, the Second World War, and the Holocaust tells the story of Jews and Jewish communities throughout Alabama in the 1930s and 1940s. It's a story not only of how Alabama's Jews dealt with the rise of Adolf Hitler, the Second World War, and the horrors of the Holocaust, but also how this experience transformed Alabama's Jewish communities.

When confronted with Hitler's persecution of the Jews, Alabama's Jews organized locally and at the state level to support persecuted Jews abroad and became politically and socially active in advocating for their relief and rescue, working hand-in-hand with national Jewish organizations. Their engagement with these efforts both regionally and nationally (at times with an Alabamian in a leadership role) and their influence with prominent non-Jews challenges the notion of southern Jews as provincials and, more importantly, it challenges those who argue that the Jews were so divided that they failed to lobby effectively and deserve blame for not doing enough to save Europe's Jews.

When the United States entered the war, Alabama's Jews supported the war effort as members of the armed forces and on the homefront. Jews in the United States served in the military in numbers proportional to their population, including in the infantry and other hazardous fields that regularly placed them in harm's way, contradicting a common antisemitic stereotype of Jewish servicemen. Alabama's Jews were no different, and many of those who served believed the war against Nazi Germany had greater and deeper meaning for Jews than for non-Jews. The many Jewish communities

around the state also played a significant role in maintaining the morale of soldiers stationed at nearby military bases through their cooperation with the Jewish Welfare Board, a component of the USO. Such wartime experiences unified, in some ways even transformed, numerous Jewish communities in the state.

Indeed, the antisemitic persecutions of the 1930s and the war in the 1940s forced these disparate communities together, in the process mitigating some of the cultural and religious differences within the Jewish communities. Differences remained, but the crisis caused by the antisemitic persecutions and the war forced Alabama's Jews to work together more closely, and with greater purpose, than they had ever done before. By 1948, with the horrors of the Holocaust fully exposed, Alabama's Jews moved to accept a Jewish state in Palestine. In fact, support for the state of Israel by individuals, community organizations, and congregations of all traditions is the most obvious way that Nazism affected Jews in Alabama. Today in the Reform temples, often the center of non- or anti-Zionist activity in the 1930s and early 1940s, one can find numerous programs devoted to Israel or perhaps even an Israeli flag, something inconceivable prior to the rise of Hitler. As *In the Shadow of Hitler* shows, the organization to aid and then save European Jewry, the returning veterans from the war, the murder of six million European Jews, and the establishment of the state of Israel built the foundation for closer cultural and religious cooperation among Alabama's Jews in the decades that followed.

Dan J. Puckett is an associate professor of history at Troy University. In the Shadow of Hitler: Alabama's Jews, the Second World War, and the Holocaust, published by the University of Alabama Press, will appear in November 2013. It can be ordered from Amazon.com or from the University of Alabama Press website.

Our Education Reach (Continued From Page 4)

Ann Mollengarden, Education Coordinator

Teacher Cadre:

Scholarship teachers and other interested teachers are able to meet four times a year as part of our Teacher Cadre. During these sessions, we explore specific Holocaust topics in depth and share techniques for presentation in the classroom.

Library

Our library contains not only fiction and non-fiction books but also a vast resource of video materials as well. Our Holocaust survivors in the state at one time numbered almost 100. Today only 26 remain. We are working to record as many of their stories as possible, as well as to archive their personal photos and historical artifacts. Our hope is to make this material available online for teachers and students.

As you can see, there is a lot going on at the BHEC. And yet there is so much more that needs to be done. We have been very fortunate that our generous donors have allowed us to continue our work. And we extend a special thank you to Bayer Properties for providing us with our permanent home.

Many may not be aware that the BHEC has no paid professionals. Our only paid staff is our office manager, who works 15 hours a week. Our amazing BHEC volunteers have developed and maintain this organization. So well, in fact, that our workload now mandates the need for a paid, professional staff.

It is our hope, that the city of Birmingham will support our mission and ensure that the BHEC will be a professional, educational organization for years to come. Our imperative, together, is to keep the history and the lessons of the Holocaust alive.

Making Sense from the Senseless

Cathy O. Friedman, L'Chaim Chair

Since I was a child, the realities of the Holocaust have affected me. My life has been filled with a desire to make sense of the senseless. One aspect of this intrigue has been the state of Israel—a nation of immigrants and a haven for the survivors of the *Shoah*. I have read powerful books and heard chilling accounts. I have visited Yad Vashem and the Holocaust Museum in Washington searching for answers. Throughout this journey, two of the most important discoveries I have made include that Jews must be united and connected all over the world and that many brave and "Righteous Gentiles" came to the aid of the Jews. Most significant, however, is "Never Again." Never again should the world experience what happened during the Holocaust.

As I have become more involved with the BHEC, I have realized that this small, volunteer-led, mostly unknown organization is teaching those lessons right here in the state of Alabama, which has had its own history intolerance. The BHEC so beautifully honors our state's Holocaust survivors, who experienced first-hand the horrors of prejudice and hate.



Riva and Aisic Hirsch, Renee Blalock (Director of the Birmingham Public Library) and Max Herzel dedicating a 10-volume set of "Righteous Among the Nations," published by Yad Vashem, to the Birmingham Public Library from the BHEC.

It is miraculous how the engaged volunteers of the BHEC are teaching not only what happened in those dark days but also how that relates to our lives today. Imagine the reaction of a young student upon meeting a survivor of the Holocaust and exploring, with the help of a teacher who has been trained by the BHEC, the current issues of social justice, intolerance, bullying, and the consequences of prejudice and discrimination. This is powerful and impactful work. And the BHEC does not stop with the teachers and the schools; they lend their incredible materials, such as the *Darkness into Life* exhibit, to communities throughout the state. The yearly Yom HaShoah programs have so much meaning not just to the survivors and their families but to our community as a whole.

The Birmingham Holocaust Education Center, this tiny group of committed soldiers of learning, has filled a need in me to make sense out of the senseless. Because of their tireless dedication to Holocaust education, the lesson of "Never Again" fills the hearts and minds of Alabamians throughout our state. My great desire is that the BHEC should be known and supported by the entire community and, maybe someday, the state. We do not have a Holocaust Museum here in Alabama, but we do have the Birmingham Holocaust Educational Center, and their work should be praised and supported to keep these lessons alive.

A Heritage of Survival

Dr. Robert L. Adler, Florence, AL

I start by telling my audience that since most of our speakers come from Birmingham, south, I'm the North Alabama speaker! Which makes me proud. I've been a commissioner on the Alabama Holocaust Commission for quite a number of years and been invited to speak on the Holocaust by a number of schools, universities, and organizations—most recently by Buckhorn Junior High School in New Market; Fort Payne Junior High School; Colbert County High School; Ruhama Junior High School on Lookout Mountain near Fort Payne; the Rotary Clubs of Florence, AL and Columbus, MS; the New Prospect United Methodist Church in Lawrenceburg, TN; and the Exchange Club in Florence, AL.

In the schools, typically the Social Studies or History classes have read *The Diary of Anne Frank* or Elie Wiesel's *Night* or are studying early 20th century European history. The teachers either know me or know about me or have searched the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center website for a speaker to add a personal perspective to that aspect of our history. I typically outline some of the major events of that period in order to set up a framework for my father's story. I tell them, "My father was born and raised in Vienna, Austria, and my mother was born and raised in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. How that happened is a story of survival that I'm very proud to be a product of."

That personal dimension: my growing up hearing stories, the spark while studying in Spain that made me realize the significance of history, my research into that history and the significance of my heritage, my continued research and self-exploration while in graduate school that motivated me to join the US Army in order to serve my country that has done so much for both sides of my family, my experiences while serving in Germany and visiting the Dachau concentration camp and other Holocaust sites—all of which have brought me to this point where I am proud and honored to be invited to speak.

I emphasize that although my parents raised me Jewish, they gave me access to my Catholic heritage by having me spend summers in Santo Domingo with my mother's family and friends, which continues to motivate me to explore the role of Pope Pius XII and the Catholic Church's experience helping countless Jews survive, one of whom was my father, who sought asylum in the Vatican, met Pope Pius XII and who, with the Pope's influence, was able to escape to the Dominican Republic.

So, as I said earlier, I'm proud and honored to continue to be invited to speak about the Holocaust and to tell my father's story in schools, universities, and a number of organizations in Alabama and in surrounding states.

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BHEC MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by Alabama Holocaust survivors, whose presence in our community makes us mindful of the injustices in their past, the BHEC is committed to preserving their memories and continuing their legacies. The lessons of the Holocaust are profound and relevant, providing a platform to explore important ethical and moral issues. Our goal is to keep the history of the Holocaust alive by providing engaging resources, programs, and initiatives to the students, teachers, and communities of Alabama. Through Holocaust education, we hope to ensure that new generations will apply the lessons of the Holocaust to the construction of a more just, humane, and tolerant future.



BHEC Host Committee Reception

Barbara Bonfield, Photographer

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