Agenda

May 10 - 12, 2016

9:30 Greetings from Mount Royal University

9:40 Guest Historian - Overview of the Holocaust

10:00 The Path to Nazi Genocide, US Holocaust Memorial Museum

10:40 Break (10 minutes)

10:50 Holocaust Survivor Testimony

12:15 Return to Buses

Greetings -

Dr. David Docherty, President, Mount Royal University

Dr. Jeffrey I. Goldberg, Acting Provost and VP Academic

Dr. Jeffrey Keshen, Dean, Faculty of Arts

Valerie Kinnear, Dean, Bissett School of Business

Dr. Chad London, Dean, Faculty of Health and Community Studies

Carol Shepstone, University Librarian

Dr. Jim Zimmer, Dean, Faculty of Teaching and Learning

Historians —

Andrew Basso, University of Calgary

Dr. David Clemis, Mount Royal University

Dr. Maureen Hiebert, University of Calgary

Dr. Geoffrey Jackson, Mount Royal University

Dr. Kyle Jantzen, Ambrose University College

Dr. Scott Murray, Mount Royal University

Dr. Glen Ryland, Mount Royal University

Dr. Annette Timm, University of Calgary

Holocaust Testimonies -

Judith Arato Marnie Bondar Alex Buckman Bronia Cyngiser

Ann Dancyger Joy Feldman Sylvie Hepner Sahbra Markus Fira Oussatinski Sherri Adler-Perera Fred Van Zuiden Fanny Wedro

Sid Cyngiser Jacques Mydlarski

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Every year, for the past thirty-one years,

a group of courageous Holocaust survivors has had the inner strength to share their personal experiences with high school students at the Annual Holocaust Education Symposium. They also have the fortitude to speak at various schools throughout the year. The survivors have so much to remember of parents, relatives, friends – that were. They remember the complex fabric of a life that was intertwined with the threads of love, laughter and tears. Each survivor remembers the past and confronts the future with a burden of tormented memories. Yet, they bring a consistent message of hope for the future – a most meaningful memorial to all who perished. By imparting the lessons of the Holocaust, the survivors ensure that future generations will live in a world of understanding and peace.

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Selected Readings

- The Courage to Care: Rescuers of Jews during the Holocaust. Carol Rittner and Sondra Meyers, eds.
- *The Diary of a Young Girl: Anne Frank.* Ed.: Otto H. Frank and Mirjan Pressler.
- The Holocaust: A History of the Jews of Europe During the Second World War. Martin Gilbert.
- I Never Saw Another Butterfly: Childrens' Drawings and Poems from Terezin Concentration Camp 1942-44. Hana Volakova.
- Night. Elie Wiesel.
- Vanished in the Darkness, An Auschwitz Memoir. Eva Brewster.
- The War Against the Jews 1933-1945. Lucy Dawidowicz.
- Man's Search for Meaning. Viktor Frankl.
- Maus (Vol. I and II). Art Spiegelman.

Holocaust-Related Web Sites -

Holocaust and Human Rights Education (Calgary Jewish Federation) www.jewishcalgary.org

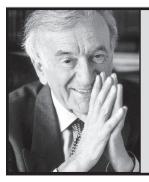
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum www.ushmm.org

Voices Into Action

www.voicesintoaction.ca

Yad Vashem

www.yadvashem.org



"We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

Elie Wiesel

Holocaust Survivor and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Heroes of the Holocaust Hiram Bingham





Former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell gave a posthumous award for "constructive dissent" to Hiram (or Harry) Bingham, IV, in June 2002. For over fifty years, the State Department resisted any attempt to honor Bingham. For them, he was an insubordinate member of the US diplomatic service, a dangerous maverick who was eventually demoted. Now, after his death, he has been officially recognized as a hero.

Bingham came from an illustrious family. His father (upon whom the fictional character Indiana Jones was based) was the archeologist who unearthed the Inca City of Machu Picchu, Peru, in 1911. Harry entered the US diplomatic service and, in 1939, was posted to Marseilles, France, as American Vice-Consul.

The USA was then neutral and, not wishing to annoy Marshal Petain's puppet Vichy regime and because of rampant antisemitism of certain State Department officials, representatives and consuls in Europe, including Marseilles, Lisbon, Zurich et al, were ordered not to grant visas to any Jews. Bingham found this policy immoral and, risking his career, did all in his power to undermine it.

In defiance of his bosses in Washington, he granted over 2,500 USA visas to Jewish and other refugees, including the artists Marc Chagall and Max Ernst and the family of the writer Thomas Mann. He also sheltered Jews in his Marseilles home, and obtained forged identity papers to help Jews in their dangerous journeys across Europe. He worked with the French underground to smuggle Jews out of France into Franco's Spain or across the Mediterranean and even contributed to their expenses out of his own pocket. In 1941, Washington lost patience with him. He was sent to Argentina , where later he continued to annoy his superiors by reporting on the movements of Nazi war criminals.

Eventually, he was forced out of the American diplomatic service completely. Bingham died almost penniless in 1988. Little was known of his extraordinary activities until his son found some letters in his belongings after his death. He has now been honored by many groups and organizations including the United Nations and the State of Israel.

For information about other Holocaust Education programs of Calgary Jewish Federation, please contact Ilana Krygier Lapides at 403-444-3162 or holocausteducation@jewishcalgary.org.