

Wednesday, April 29, 10AM, St. George Theater

***RISE UP: Young Holocaust Heroes***

Directed by Mickey Tennenbaum,

Performed by Wagner College theater students, "Rising Up" tells the true stories of six Holocaust survivors from Staten Island--Egon, Margot, Hannah, Romi, Gabi and Rachel--as they recall their happier days before the war and life in ghettos and camps, with original songs and words drawn from actual testimony. Explore how youth resisted the Nazis from forging ration cards to smuggling guns into the Warsaw Ghetto and why it matters today. Audience members will have a chance to meet a local Holocaust survivor and ask questions of the cast of all faiths and races after the performance.

**\$15 per ticket *Let's sell out all 1500 seats! Sponsorships Available.***

Friday, April 24, 6pm, Wagner College, Kairos House

Wagner College Hillel Bedouin Shabbat  
(Reservation Required)

Wednesday, May 19, 6pm, Wagner College

Chai Mitzvah Dinner

Honorees: Holocaust survivor and Slovakian partisan A. Romi Cohn, Marc Lebovitz, Charles DeStefano, Bella Smorgonskaya and Emma Luxemburg '22



*Wall of Youth Voices, Part of Wagner College Holocaust Center Exhibit in Union 201*

**Other co-sponsored events:**

Community Days, March 19-April 24: Events TBD  
JCC SAGE Holocaust Events at JCC: Events TBD

For more information on Events, Volunteering or Sponsorships and Donations, or to schedule school visits to the Wagner College Holocaust Center Exhibit on campus please contact:

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**Our Winter 2020 Events**

**Highlighting the theme: Children, Youth and Prejudice**



3<sup>rd</sup> annual Kristallnacht with the Jewish Foundation School hosted by Wagner College students of all faiths

Thursday, January 30, 6PM, Wagner College, Foundation Hall

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Liberation of Auschwitz**  
**With College of Staten Island Hillel**  
***America, FDR, and the Holocaust***

**Rebecca Erbelding, author *Rescue Board: The Untold Story of America's Efforts to Save the Jews***  
(Winner 2018 National Jewish Book Award)  
and curator at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

After January 1944, President Roosevelt establishes a War Refugee Board, whose young Treasury Department lawyers ultimately saved tens of thousands of lives.

With a special presentation of artifacts--letters from Dachau, ID tags from Lodz and a photo of Ordurf--by eighth-grader Joseph DeStefano as a donation to the Wagner College Holocaust Center in honor of his great-uncle Frank LaBella who liberated Ordurf.



Shirley Gottesman at I.S. 2 on November 19, 2019

As an Assistant Principal for the NYC Department of Education, I am extremely proud to see the outstanding work to promote awareness of social injustice through the Wagner College Holocaust Center. This center is instrumental to transforming our community by educating Staten Islanders to understand the Holocaust.

~ Adam Newman, Asst. Principal I.S. 2 & Wagner College Alumni

Wednesday, February 5, 7pm, Wagner College, Spiro Hall 2

### *You Can't Understand the Americas Without Africa*

Dr. Sheila Walker, filmmaker, author & exec. director of Afrodiaspora, Inc.

Wednesday, March 11, 7pm Museum of Jewish Heritage (Manhattan)

### *Heroines of the Holocaust*

Lori Weintrob, author, *Eyewitness to History: Documents of the Holocaust*

With **Rachel Roth**, Auschwitz survivor, Author, *Here There is No Why?*, Eyewitness to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, Staten Island Resident 30 years. Moderated by Yiddish culture writer **Rokhl Kafrissen**

This talk will introduce Zivia Lubetkin, the highest-ranking woman in Warsaw's underground, Vitka Kempner, who blew up a German ammunition train, and other of the 3,000 Jewish women who resisted.

Tuesday March 31, 4pm: Wagner College, Theater, Main Hall

Joy Harjo, U.S. Poet Laureate, Author, *Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings* (2015), *How We Became Human* (2002) and many other works; the first Native American (Muscogee Creek Nation) chosen for this honor. This human rights event is part of the inauguration of Joel Martin as President of Wagner College.

Monday April 6, 4:30, Wagner College, Room TBA

### *Art, Exhibition and Erasure in Nazi Vienna*

Dr. Laura Morowitz, Prof. of Art History, Wagner College

This talk will examine propaganda art exhibits held in Vienna during the Third Reich, as well as the fate of Jewish patrons of the arts. Research sponsored by National Endowment of the Humanities.

Children, Youth and Prejudice 2020 Contest Deadline: April 9th

1st place winner will receive a cash prize of \$100, 2ndplace \$50, and 3rd place \$25



Train by Margit Koretzová (1930-1944), Terez in Warsaw Ghetto, Stroop Report

Photo credit above: [www.ushmm.com](http://www.ushmm.com).

Share your creative response in art, poetry, dialogue or prose.  
All grade levels encouraged to apply.

Submit entries to:

Wagner College Holocaust Center,  
One Campus Road, Staten Island, NY 10301.

Judging based on creativity, passion, message, and connection to theme. Artwork entries must be accompanied by a paragraph on the meaning of the piece. *All entries should include your name, school and contact information.* Winning entries will be exhibited and read **Sun. April 19th** at the SI-JCC, 466 Manor Road, as part of the annual SI Holocaust Remembrance ceremony. Winners and their families and teachers are invited to attend.

Sunday, April 19, 5:30, SI-JCC

### *Shoah Commemoration*

Organized by the Staten Island Holocaust Committee. Details TBA.

*Our mission is to empower future generations in empathy, courage, and ethical decision-making in order to combat anti-Semitism, racism and all forms of prejudice.*