



Jewish refugees ferried to safety aboard Danish fishing boats in 1943.

“When *we* returned, our fellow Danes *did* say ‘welcome back.’
And *how* they said it—emotionally, with open arms and hearts.”

-- Rabbi Marcus Melchoir, Chief Rabbi of Copenhagen

Wagner College Holocaust Center

Fall Events:

Tuesday, September 8, 7pm

Memories of a Child Holocaust Survivor in Terezin

Dr. Inge Auerbacher survived Terezin Ghetto and Concentration Camp, despite hunger, disease and hardships. Inge grew up in Kippenheim Germany. Her father, who earned the Iron Cross in World War I, was sent to Dachau during Kristallnacht. In August 1942, she was deported to Terezin with her beloved doll Marlene. After liberation, she was ill for four years. Of the 15,000 children sent there, only 100 survived. A chemist by profession, Inge has spoken in Germany, Australia and around the world. We will show video of her speech last year at the United Nations, accompanied by Staten Island's own P.S. 22 choir, which has sung two of her poems. She is the author of 6 books, including *I am a Star: Child of the Holocaust*. She was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Introduced by Prof. Lori Weintrob, Wagner College Holocaust Center, who will moderate the Q&A.

Thursday, October 1, 2pm:

The Making of a Danish Rescue Film: *A Day in October*

A joint program of the Museum of Jewish Heritage and Wagner College Holocaust Center.

Interview with: Kenneth Madsen (Director and Producer) and Damian Slattery (Writer).

Denmark was the only occupied country to actively resist the Nazi deportation of its Jewish citizens. On the 77th anniversary of the historic Danish Rescue that saved 7,200 Jews, we revisit the film *A Day in October* 30 years after its filming on location. This dramatic and compelling rescue and resistance narrative brings one Danish family's story to life. Moderated by Lori Weintrob, the rescue operation will be examined in comparative perspective.

October 18: Margot Capell's 100th Birthday (details TBD)

An eyewitness to Kristallnacht, Margot fled Nazi Germany for England and then the U.S. She has spoken at many schools on Staten Island with the Wagner College Holocaust Center. We are thrilled to celebrate her 100th birthday with her and the Jewish Foundation School.

October 21, 11:30am:

Resistance, Resilience and Hope: My Holocaust Journey of Discovery

With Estelle Glaser, author of *Transcending Darkness: A Girl's Journey Out of the Holocaust* and Fern Zagor, second generation survivor.

Fern's mother Frieda W. Aaron, her sister Estelle and mother survived the Warsaw ghetto uprising, Majdanek and other labor camps. Fern's father Sol Aaron escaped the Vilna ghetto and fought in the partisans with Abba Kovner. Fern will discuss her recent trip back to Poland and Lithuania and what she learned about resistance, resilience and hope.

November 3, 9am-2pm: Teacher Workshop

Youth Stand Up to Hate: Anti-Semitism, Racism, Islamophobia

(for credit)

November 9, 7pm

Egon J. Salmon and Family Commemoration of Kristallnacht and the St. Louis

(see flyer)

November 17, 11:30am:

Good Amidst Evil: Rescue during Genocide

A Reading and Discussion with author Consolee Nishimwe, Rwandan genocide Survivor, from her memoir *Tested to the Limit: A Genocide Survivor's Story of Pain, Resilience and Hope*.

Through the eyes of a fourteen-year-old victim, we see the horror of neighbor turning on neighbor. Yet, the author also captures how one family survives in hiding, offering tribute to her Muslim and Christian rescuers and to her faith. Nishimwe has become a global activist for human rights, focusing on women survivors.

January 27th: Our 2nd Generation on Staten Island

(invite to: Irit Felsen).

Other Spring Event on Art and Holocaust

Rise Up: Young Holocaust Heroes (pending)