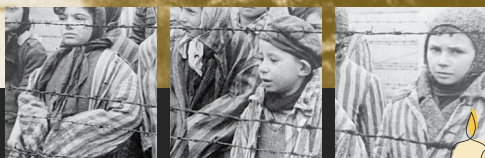


VOICES FROM THE **HOLOCAUST**



APRIL 6 - 13, 2025

In-person events educating about the Holocaust.
Keynote by Survivor - Films - Educational Programs



This year's programming is dedicated to
Holocaust Memorial Observances
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May his Memory be a Blessing



COVER IMAGES: A Jewish boy walking in the back alley in the Bedzin ghetto, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Child survivors of Auschwitz, wearing adult-size prisoner jackets, stand behind a barbed wire fence.

THIS PAGE, BOTTOM LEFT: Arrivals and inmates on the ramp at Auschwitz-Birkenau, summer 1944

BOTTOM RIGHT: Children rounded up for deportation



SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

Interfaith Memorial Service

6 PM

Beth Israel Congregation
1625 Reservoir Road Greeley, CO

OFFICIANTS: Rabbi Sara Gilbert, Reverend John Bliss,
Reverend Tamara Torres McGovern, and Reverend
Matt Villareal

All are invited to gather for an interfaith service to pay homage to those who lost their lives, give thanks for those who survived, and honor those who risked their lives to save others. Building on rich traditions and shared hope for the future, there will be prayer, music, and inspirational readings to reflect on the Holocaust era.

Musical selections will be offered by Royston Hunget,
Riley Anne Martin, Andrea Pinedo, and Rodney Sauder

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

Holocaust Book Discussion: *Becoming Janet: Finding Myself in the Holocaust*

6 PM
Centennial Park Branch Library
2227 23rd Avenue, Greeley, CO

A memoir of Holocaust Survivor for this year's Holocaust Memorial Observances. As a four-year-old in Poland, Gustawa Singer lived an idyllic life and the family prospered. Then, in 1939, everything changed: Hitler's army invaded Poland, and Gustawa's carefree childhood days were gone forever. Ultimately, the Nazis killed 2,000 of the 2,200 Jews in her small hometown. Gustawa's mother was transported to the death camp at Belzec, her father was assigned to forced labor, and Gustawa became separated from everyone she had ever known.

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DISCUSSION FACILITATORS:

Mary Billings
and Laura Manuel

Complimentary copies of the books for the first ten (10) registrants.
To register, email Naomi Johnson at
nrjohnsHMOC@gmail.com
Monday, April 27 | 7 PM
Centennial Branch Library, 2227 23rd Ave.



TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

Holocaust Survivor Presentation: Janet Applefield

2 PM
Eaton High School
1661 Collins St.,
Eaton, CO

Open to Eaton students and community members only

Reception for Holocaust Survivor, Janet Applefield

3:30 PM
Eaton Public Library
132 Maple Ave.
Eaton, CO

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

Film Screening: *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Spy, Assassin*

7 PM — 2 hours 13 minutes
Kress Cinema and Lounge
817 8th Avenue, Greeley, CO

As the world teeters on the brink of annihilation, Dietrich Bonhoeffer is swept into the epicenter of a deadly plot to assassinate Hitler. With his faith and fate at stake, Bonhoeffer must choose between upholding his moral convictions or risking it all to save millions of Jews from genocide. Will his shift from preaching peace to plotting murder alter the course of history or cost him everything?



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

Holocaust Survivor Presentation: Janet Applefield

9:30 AM
Union Colony Civic Center
701 10th Avenue, Greeley, CO

8th grade students only

Holocaust Survivor Presentation: Janet Applefield

7 PM
Aims Community College
Welcome Center
4901 W. 20th Street, Greeley, CO

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THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

Nazi Civil Religion during the 3rd Reich: Secular Religiosity and Violence in Hitler's Germany - Michael Booker, Ph.d.

11:30 AM - 1 PM
Aims Community College,
Student Commons, Room 114
5121 W. 20th Street, Greeley, CO

The rise of the Nazi Empire cannot be understood simply as a reaction to the socio-cultural and economic dislocations of interwar Germany. Nazism was a messianic civil religious movement, which offered Germanic "Aryans" the promise of a new life in a transfigured world. Dr. Booker will demonstrate that Nazism was essentially a totalitarian civil religion and that Hitlerian totalitarianism at its height undoubtedly had many of the functions of traditional religions. It will also describe how messianic totalitarianism, like that of the Third Reich, can lead to episodes of violence, mass slaughter and ultimately, genocide.

Holocaust 101 - Dr. Joan Clinefelter

NOON
LINC Library, 501 8th Avenue, Greeley, CO

Brown bag lunch with the Greeley Historical Preservation

In Holocaust 101, Dr. Joan Clinefelter uncovers lesser-known features of the Nazi genocide of European Jewry. She will pay particular attention to the Nazi's plans for the post-war era, and the place of Auschwitz in their vision of the future. All questions are welcome.

Joan Clinefelter has served as a professor of Modern European History in the University of Northern Colorado's History Department since 1995. She earned her BA at Grinnell College, and the MA and PhD at Indiana University. She is the author of one book and many articles, most recently "The Patriarchy Is Finished: Broadcasting Women's Emancipation on RIAS Berlin" published in Oxford University's German History in December, 2024.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

Film Screening: *Run Boy Run*

7 PM — 1 hour 53 minutes
UNC Lindou Auditorium, Greeley, CO

8-year-old Sruklik flees from the Warsaw ghetto in 1942 and attempts to survive, at first alone in the forest, and then on a farm as a Christian orphan named Jurek. Throughout his ordeal, he is in danger of losing his Jewish identity. Based on the bestseller by Uri Orlev.— A superlative saga of courage and compassion, *Run Boy Run* tells the extraordinary true story of a Polish boy who seeks the kindness of others in his solitary struggle to outlast the Nazi occupation and keep alive his Jewish faith. An unforgettable cinematic experience featuring exceptional performances, arresting cinematography and transcendent musical score, *RUN BOY RUN* is directed by Academy Award-winner Pepe Danquart and based on the bestselling novel by author Uri Orlev.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025

Film Screening: *One Life*

1 PM — 1 hour 15 minutes
Farr Library
929 15th Street, Greeley, CO

Starring Sir Anthony Hopkins, this is the true story of Sir Nicholas Winton, a young London broker who, in the months leading up to World War II rescued over 600 children from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia.



SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

Klezmer Concert

NOON - 1 PM
Unitarian Universalist Church,
929 15th Street, Greeley, CO 80631

The entire genre of Klezmer music was nearly wiped out during the Holocaust but has seen a major revival in recent years. Join The Mentshn for an afternoon concert of music by Jewish composers who died during the Holocaust and other marginalized groups who were almost erased from history by the Nazi regime.

Muzikaim Vecharim

Roysten Hunget,
Violin/vocals
Andrea Pinedo, Cello
Ben Cohen,
Piano/vocals
Miriam Rosenbaum,
Clarinet

All film screenings listed in this program guide will be followed by discussion.

Films may contain content that is not suitable for children.

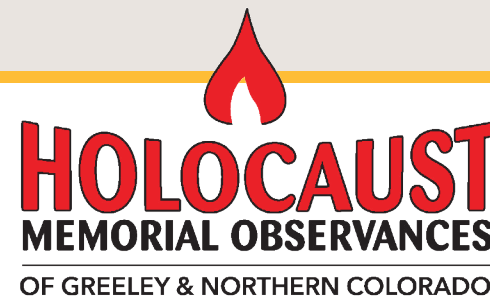
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Janet Singer Applefield Biography

Janet Applefield holds a Master of Social Work from Boston University. Working with the non-profit, Facing History and Ourselves, and the Massachusetts Cultural Council, she speaks to 4,000 students a year about her experiences as a child hidden during the Holocaust and the importance of standing up to bigotry and hate. Over the past 40 years, she has presented her story at hundreds of venues including the Massachusetts State House, Faneuil Hall in Boston, Harvard University, Vanderbilt University, Westminster Synagogue in London, and the Galicia Jewish Museum in Krakow, Poland.



Her book, *Becoming Janet: Finding Myself in the Holocaust* (Cypress House, 2024) is a richly illustrated memoir that reads like a novel. It tells of her story:

As a four-year-old, Gustawa lived in a bustling town in the foothills of Poland's Tatra Mountains.

Her father worked in the Singer's hardware store, and the family prospered. All of that was shattered on the morning of September 1,

1939, with the invasion of the German Army. After several failed attempts to flee danger, Gustawa's parents made the agonizing decision to give their only living child to a nanny. Assuming the identity of Krysia, a deceased Catholic girl her age, Gustawa is hidden in plain sight by a handful of strangers, keeping her secret that her looks conceal: she is Jewish.

Of the hundreds of Jewish children playing around the streets of her town before the war, she was the only child to return.

She has since then moved to the United States and raised her family and speaks all over the United States about her story and the evils of hate.

BECOMING JANET

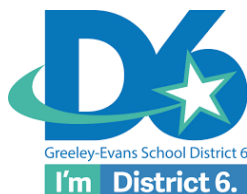
FINDING MYSELF IN THE HOLOCAUST



After the war, my father emphasized the need to keep learning about what happened and to retell our story. He instilled in me the duty to speak for those who cannot. It is a privilege to give voice to those children. That is what continues to give me a sense of purpose."



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