

voices from the **HOLOCAUST**



APRIL 24 - 29, 2022

Virtual events educating about the Holocaust
Keynote by Survivor - Films - Educational Programs

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

7 PM

Interfaith Memorial Service

Beth Israel Congregation
1625 Reservoir Road Greeley, CO



**This program will be Live streamed and in person.
Please scan the QR code for the live stream option.**

Rabbi Sara Gilbert, Reverend Rick Mawson, and
Reverend John Bliss officiating

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 and inspirational readings to reflect on the Holocaust era. The service will include a Litany of the Martyrs.

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022

6:30 PM

Holocaust Literature Book Discussion:

***The Dressmakers of Auschwitz: The True Story of the Women Who Sewed to Survive* by Lucy Adlington**

Centennial Park Branch Library
2227 23rd Ave., Greeley, CO

This program will be presented in person.

Moderators: Jeri Kraver, PhD, Laura Manuel, PhD,
and Khris Gamer, MLIS

At the height of the Holocaust twenty-five young inmates of the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp—mainly Jewish women and girls—were selected to design, cut, and sew beautiful fashions for elite Nazi women in a dedicated salon. It was work that they hoped would spare them from the gas chambers.

*Drawing on diverse sources—including interviews with the last surviving seamstress—**The Dressmakers of Auschwitz** follows the fates of these brave women. Their bonds of family and friendship not only helped them endure persecution, but also to play their part in camp resistance. Weaving the dressmakers' remarkable experiences within the context of Nazi policies for plunder and exploitation, historian Lucy Adlington exposes the greed, cruelty, and hypocrisy of the Third Reich and offers a fresh look at a little-known chapter of World War II and the Holocaust.*

Complimentary copies of the book for the first ten (10) registrants.
To register, contact Khris Gamer at (970) 506-8622.

Eyewitness to History: A Holocaust Survivor Speaks - Rudi Florian: Propaganda and Personal Responsibility

This program will be presented virtually.
Please scan the QR Code below to register.

Hosted by the Mizel Institute



*In order to combat hatred and genocide, it is important to understand the devastating effects of racism throughout history. All are invited to join the Mizel Museum for our virtual Eyewitness to History program, developed in collaboration with the USC Shoah Foundation. **Rudi Florian: Propaganda and Personal Responsibility**, explores the dangerous power propaganda had during the Holocaust and its effects today and how to discern between factual information and propaganda.*

Born to devout Catholics in 1934 in Germany, Rudi Florian's parents opposed the Nazis but didn't dare to do so openly. As a child, Rudi's teachers were Nazis and his schoolbooks contained Nazi propaganda. When he was 10 years old, he briefly served in the Hitler Youth until his mother came up with an excuse to have him released. When Russian troops invaded Germany, Rudi's family was displaced to Poland. Eventually, they moved to East Berlin, where Rudi encountered Communist propaganda. Later in life, Rudi made a pledge to "join those who warned that genocide can happen again to any group of people, anywhere..." and served in the United States Air Force for 30 years. Now retired, Rudi educates others about the importance of remembering the Holocaust, the value of human rights and the sanctity of life.

To join this program, please scan QR code to register or visit:

<https://bit.ly/3phhR7U>



TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

7 PM

Context is Key: What We Should Understand About the Holocaust in Order to Understand the Holocaust

Presenters: Todd Hennessy, Colorado Holocaust Educators and
Jeri Kraver, PhD, Professor of English,
University of Northern Colorado

**This program will be presented virtually.
Please scan the QR Code below to register.**

We are in an age where information is immediate, and misinformation is dangerous. Type in "the Holocaust," and Google will provide more than 142 million results. Trying to understand "the Holocaust" as a concept and a reality is daunting. Join Todd Hennessy of the Colorado Holocaust Educators as he offers an overview of key facts, moments, and resources that help us start to make sense of the seemingly incomprehensible events of the Holocaust.

To join this program, please scan QR code or visit:

<https://bit.ly/3HqfXZ0>



Eyewitness to History: A Holocaust Survivor Speaks - Osi Sladek Interview

This program will be presented virtually.
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All are invited to join the Mizel Museum for an interview with local **Holocaust survivor, Osi Sladek**, as he tells the story of his experiences during the Holocaust.

Osi Sladek was born in Czechoslovakia in 1935. In 1938, Slovakia seceded from Czechoslovakia and became an ally of Nazi Germany. Almost immediately, Jews were subjected to persecution and oppression. As Jews were being rounded up and killed, Osi's family lived in hiding, posing as gentiles. As the search for Jews intensified, Osi's family ventured into the mountains and lived there with little food and shelter until they were liberated by the Russian army in 1945. In 1949, his family moved to Israel, and eventually, Osi settled in the United States. Now he speaks to schools and organizations to share his story. Though he lived in constant fear during the Holocaust, he never lost his faith. His message is one of good overcoming evil. As he tells audiences: "Goodness goes much further than evil in life. Never lose faith. Go on and live a good life."

To join this program, please scan QR code or visit:

<https://bit.ly/3sjyvFT>



Photo of Osi Sladek from the Mizel Museum
<https://mizelmuseum.org/>

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022

12:15 - 1:15 PM

Nazi Civil Religion During the Third Reich: The Link Between Secular Religiosity and Violence in Hitler's Germany

Aims Community College
5121 W. 20th Street, Greeley, CO
Student Commons Room 114



**This program will be Live streamed and in person.
Please scan the QR code for the live stream option.**

Presenter: Michael Booker, PhD, Aims Community College

This presentation will examine the idea that nationalist-inspired civil religious causes, like the cult of Nazism in Hitler's Germany, ultimately inspire people to engage in acts of violence against a defined "enemy other" that the dominant cult of personality deems a threat to the security and future prosperity of the nation. Civil Religion is one of the primary motivators of violence in societies wedded to nationalism.

To join live-stream scan QR code or visit: events.aims.edu

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022

7 PM

Final Account (2020) film screening

90 minutes: PG-13
University of Northern Colorado, Lindou Auditorium
1400 22nd Street, Greeley, CO

This program will be presented in person.

*In partnership with University of Northern Colorado's
International Film Series (IFS)*

Moderators: Khris Gamer and IFS

Final Account is an urgent portrait of the last living generation of everyday people to participate in Adolf Hitler's Third Reich. Over a decade in the making, the film raises vital, timely questions about authority, conformity, complicity and perpetration, national identity, and responsibility, as men and women ranging from former SS members to civilians in never-before-seen interviews reckon with -- in very different ways -- their memories, perceptions, and personal appraisals of their own roles in the greatest human crimes in history.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022

1 PM

Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport (2000) film screening

122 minutes: PG

Farr Regional Library

1939 61st Avenue Greeley, CO

This program will be presented in person.

For nine months prior to World War II, in an act of mercy unequalled anywhere else before the war, Britain conducted an extraordinary rescue mission, opening its doors to over 10,000 Jewish and other children from Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia. These children, or Kinder (sing. Kind), as they came to be known, were taken into foster homes and hostels in Britain, expecting eventually to be reunited with their parents. The majority of them never saw their families again.

Program Notes from the Holocaust Memorial Observances of Greeley & Northern Colorado Committee:

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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