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**Holocaust Remembrance Day / Yom HaShoah  
Events & Programs Announced  
by the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust**

New York, NY – The **Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust** announces its schedule of special events and programs in commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Day / Yom HaShoah (observed on April 12) beginning Sunday, April 8 through Thursday, April 26, 2018.

During this commemorative period, Museum admission is free and hours are extended until 8 PM from Monday to Thursday. The special events begin with the largest commemoration in the metropolitan area: New York's Annual Gathering of Remembrance on April 8 that brings together more than 2,000 Holocaust survivors and their families, civic leaders, and the larger community.

The Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust is New York's contribution to the global responsibility to never forget. The Museum is committed to the crucial mission of educating diverse visitors about Jewish life before, during, and after the Holocaust.

The Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust is located at 36 Battery Place in Lower Manhattan. For more information and ticket reservations, visit [mjhny.org](http://mjhny.org) or call 646.437.4202.

## **SCHEDULE**

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 8 | 2 PM**

#### **New York's Annual Gathering of Remembrance**

*This event is held at Temple Emanu-El, 1 East 65th Street.*

**NEW YORK'S LARGEST COMMEMORATION** | As New York's Holocaust Memorial Museum, the responsibility of the Museum of Jewish Heritage — A Living Memorial to the Holocaust has never been more important.

Every year, at New York's Annual Gathering of Remembrance, we come together as a community to say: We will never forget. Please join us on April 8 to observe Yom HaShoah, to honor the memory of those who perished at the hands of evil, and to pay tribute to those who survived and have made a better world for us all.

Registration is required and free; donations are welcome. Register at [mjhnyc.org/AGR](http://mjhnyc.org/AGR). For more information, please contact [AGR@mjhnyc.org](mailto:AGR@mjhnyc.org) or 646.437.4227.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 8 | 12 PM**

#### **Memory Unearthed**

*This program will take place at Pier 94 in NYC as part of The Photography Show presented by AIPAD.*

CONVERSATION | In the early 1940s, photographer Henryk Ross committed acts of resistance to create a photographic record of the horrors and complexities of life in the Lodz Ghetto in Poland. Ross buried his negatives, half of which survived the war. The Museum's exhibition *Memory Unearthed: The Lodz Ghetto Photographs of Henryk Ross* reveals more than 200 of Ross's extraordinary photographs. Exhibition curator **Maia-Mari Sutnik** will appear in conversation with **Chris Boot**, publisher of the *Lodz Ghetto Album*, and contemporary photographer **Judy Glickman Lauder**, who has devoted much of her career to documenting the evidence of the Holocaust.

Visit [aipadshow.com](http://aipadshow.com) for ticket information.

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 10 | 7 PM**

#### **The Road to Unfreedom: Russia, Europe, America**

BOOK LAUNCH | Acclaimed scholar **Timothy Snyder**—author of *On Tyranny*—will launch his new book *The Road to Unfreedom*, a stunning new chronicle of the rise of authoritarianism from Russia to Europe to America. In this forceful and unsparing work of contemporary history, based on vast research as well as personal reporting, Professor Snyder goes beyond the headlines to expose the true nature of the threat to democracy and law. By revealing the stark choices before us—between equality or oligarchy, individuality or totality, truth and falsehood—Professor Snyder restores our understanding of the basis of our way of life, offering a way forward in a time of terrible uncertainty. At the conclusion of his illuminating talk, Professor Snyder will sign books available for purchase.

Complimentary admission; advance registration recommended

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 12 | 10 AM–8 PM**

#### **Yom HaShoah**

#### **Day-Long Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance**

DAY OF LEARNING AND REMEMBRANCE | Join us at the Museum for a day of learning and remembrance. From 10 AM to 2 PM, visitors have the honor of meeting Holocaust survivors, whose presence in the Museum's galleries offer new opportunities to learn. As survivors

continue the sometimes difficult work of sharing their stories—allowing the next generation to engage in personal experience of global significance—their courage and generosity of time and spirit is both astonishing and greatly appreciated.

Complimentary admission

**Thursday, April 12 | 7 PM**

**Stories from a Survivor and Memorial Service**

COMMEMORATION | Join the Young Friends of the Museum of Jewish Heritage and Manhattan Jewish Experience to commemorate the 6 million lives lost during the Holocaust with a special candle lighting ceremony and memorial service. Then hear an interview with Holocaust survivor **George Blank** conducted by Young Friend of the Museum **Miriam Leichtling**. This unique and personal discussion emphasizes how the next generation can ensure that those who were lost are never forgotten.

\$5; seating is limited, advance registration recommended. Event for people ages 21–39.

*All proceeds support the Museum's Holocaust Education programs.*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 | 7:30 PM**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12 | 3 PM**

***From Silence***

PERFORMANCE | *Play by Anne Marilyn Lucas, directed by Obie Award-winner Arin Arbus.*

Esther's world is turned upside down when her daughter Deborah rushes home with the news that their New Jersey temple is on lock-down and her granddaughter Elaina is trapped inside. Esther survived the Holocaust, but never talked about it, despite the pleas from her daughter and granddaughter—it was too painful to recount that part of her life. During the endless wait, Esther comes to regret her silence and realizes her duty to tell her story, but will it be too late for Elaina to hear it?

Complimentary admission; advance registration recommended

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15 | 1 PM**

**Stories Survive Series**

CONVERSATION | Hear Holocaust survivor ~~Frances Malkin~~Celia Kener, who was born in ~~Sokal, near~~ Lvov, Poland in 1935, share her story of being forced into a ghetto and ~~then hidden by a Polish farmer for two years along with 15 other people~~separated from her parents.

Free

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15 | 2 PM**

**Witness Theater**

PERFORMANCE | Experience an afternoon you will long remember as high school students reenact critical moments from the lives of local Holocaust survivors. This unique performance

represents an intergenerational journey—the culmination of months of collaboration between the students and survivors, as mutual respect, friendship, and trust have evolved.

**Complimentary admission; advance registration recommended**

Witness Theater was conceived by Irit and Ezra Dagan and developed by JDC-Eshel in Israel. It was brought to New York in 2012 by Selfhelp Community Services. This year's Program is a collaboration of Selfhelp, UJA-Federation of New York, Yeshivah of Flatbush Joel Braverman High School, the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan and SAR High School; also receiving support from the Jewish Communal Fund and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17 | 5 PM–7 PM**

**19th Annual Fanya Gottesfeld Heller Conference for Educators**

CONFERENCE | The Museum presents the 19th Annual Fanya Gottesfeld Heller Conference for Educators. **Dr. James Waller**, Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State College, will speak about **Confronting Evil: Engaging Our Responsibility to Prevent Genocide**. A limited number of tickets are available to the general public and advance registration is required. For details and to register, please visit [mjhnyc.org/conference](http://mjhnyc.org/conference).

As a result of these conferences, designed to provide in-depth learning for educators on Holocaust-related topics, more than 4,500 educators have received training in Holocaust education, reaching more than 750,000 students in all five boroughs of New York City and the states of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 | 7 PM**

**Song of the Lodz Ghetto with Brave Old World**

CONCERT | This multimedia musical program features Brave Old World's arrangements of rare Jewish music created between 1940 to 1945 in the Nazi ghetto of Lodz, Poland. In Yiddish with English supertitles. This program is done in conjunction with the Museum's exhibition *Memory Unearthed: The Lodz Ghetto Photographs of Henryk Ross*.

\$10 general, \$5 Museum members, students, and Battery Park City residents.

To purchase tickets, visit [nytf.org](http://nytf.org) or call 866-811-4111.

*Presented by National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. The concert is made possible through a partnership with the Battery Park City Authority.*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19 | 7 PM**

**116 CAMERAS**

FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION | (2017, DVD, 15 mins., English) The film *116 Cameras* follows Auschwitz survivor Eva Schloss as she participates in ~~the~~ USC Shoah Foundation's ambitious, high-tech project to preserve her testimony for future generations—via 3D digital projection. Join special guest **Eva Schloss** (in-person!) and director **Davina Pardo** for a post-screening discussion.

This program is presented in conjunction with the Museum's installation *New Dimensions in Testimony<sup>SM</sup>* (created by USC Shoah Foundation).

Complimentary admission; advance registration recommended

This film is presented with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference), as part of a series that advances our joint efforts to preserve the memory of the Holocaust.

## **SUNDAY APRIL 22 | 2 PM**

### **Warsaw Ghetto Memorial**

COMMEMORATION AND PERFORMANCE | In honor of the 75th anniversary of the uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto, which began on April 19, 1943, National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene at the Museum of Jewish Heritage will present a special evening featuring alumni of **Camp Hemshekh**, a Yiddish summer camp created by Holocaust survivors. Located in the Catskill Mountains, the camp was active from 1959 through 1978. Every summer the campers and counselors commemorated the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising with an event featuring poetry and songs, and one year this included the construction of a memorial work of art designed by a young Daniel Libeskind. In English and Yiddish with English supertitles.

Complimentary admission; advance registration required at [nytf.org](http://nytf.org)

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 26 | 4 PM**

### **The Past and Future of Holocaust Research**

PANEL DISCUSSION | This scholarly program is the final session in the Future of Holocaust Research conference. Speakers will explore the ways in which scholarship on the Holocaust has developed in different regions; consider how the history of Holocaust research may serve as a model for research on other atrocities; and discuss the political impact of contemporary conversations about the Holocaust. Featuring **Frank Bajohr** (Institut fuer Zeitgeschichte, Muenchen, Germany), **László Karsai** (University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary), and **Atina Grossmann** (Cooper Union). The discussion will be followed by closing remarks from **John Torpey** (Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies, Graduate Center of the City University of New York).

Complimentary admission; advance registration recommended

*Co-presented with Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies, European Union Studies Center, and Rosenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies at Graduate Center of the City University of New York.*

## **General Information**

### **SPECIAL MUSEUM HOURS AND FREE ADMISSION**

In commemoration of Yom HaShoah, from Sunday, April 8 to Thursday, April 26, 2018 admission to exhibitions is free and weekday (Monday to Thursday) hours are extended, as follows:

Sunday, 10 AM to 6 PM

Monday – Thursday, 10 AM to 8 PM

Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM

Saturday and Jewish Holidays, Closed

*Note: Public programs may require a separate fee.*

## **LOCATION**

The Museum is located at 36 Battery Place in Lower Manhattan. [mjhny.org](http://mjhny.org) | 646.437.4202

**A free walk-up tour is offered on Tuesdays** at 3 PM of the Core Exhibition.

## **ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE – A LIVING MEMORIAL TO THE HOLOCAUST**

The Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust is New York’s contribution to the global responsibility to never forget. The Museum is committed to the crucial mission of educating diverse visitors about Jewish life before, during, and after the Holocaust. Anchoring the southernmost tip of Manhattan, the Museum of Jewish Heritage completes the cultural and educational landscape it shares with the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

Since 1997, the Museum of Jewish Heritage has welcomed more than two million visitors; it maintains a collection of 30,000 artifacts, photographs, documentary films, and survivor testimonies and contains classrooms, a 400-seat theater (Edmond J. Safra Hall), special exhibition galleries, a resource center for educators, and a memorial art installation, *Garden of Stones*, designed by internationally acclaimed sculptor Andy Goldsworthy.

Special exhibitions on view are:

- *Memory Unearthed: The Lodz Ghetto Photographs of Henryk Ross* – more than 200 of Ross’s photographs, supplemented by artifacts and testimony, that present the horrors and complexities of the Lodz Ghetto
- *New Dimensions in Testimony<sup>SM</sup>* – an interactive installation where cutting edge technology enables visitors to have “virtual conversations” with Holocaust survivors
- *The Number on Great-Grandpa’s Arm* – a family-friendly installation featuring the HBO documentary *The Number on Great-Grandpa’s Arm* and original artwork created for the film by acclaimed artist Jeff Scher

The Museum receives general operating support from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and New York State Council on the Arts.

For more information, visit [mjhny.org](http://mjhny.org).

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