In Nazi-occupied France, nearly 75% of the Jews were able to survive the Holocaust despite the complicity of the Vichy government with the German authorities. This can be explained by a number of factors, particularly the implementation of rescue networks by the Jews themselves, with the help of the population in certain "refuge" regions.
Patrick Cabanel is directeur d'études at the Ecole pratique des hautes études. He is an expert of the Vichy regime and of the French Protestantism.

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Philip Nord is the Rosengarten Professor of Modern and Contemporary History at Princeton University. He has authored several books on the history of modern France.

Jacques Semelin is a historian and political scientist. Professor at Sciences Po Paris and Senior Researcher at the Center for International Studies. He is a specialist of the Holocaust and France under German occupation.

5 pm: Beginning of the symposium
Welcome words by Consul General of France in New York Anne-Claire Legendre
Introduction by Philip G. Nord

5:30 pm: “The conditions of Jewish survival in occupied France”, by Jacques Semelin

6 pm: “From school to the “maquis”: Jewish resistance in France”, by Johanna Lehr

6:30 pm: Coffee break

6:45 pm: “The Protestant roots of the rescue in Dieulefit, the Cévennes and the Plateau”, by Patrick Cabanel moderated by Philip Nord

7:15 pm: Q&A

8:30 pm: End of day 1
Michèle C. Cone, fellow of the NYU Institute for the Humanities is a cultural historian and an independent scholar. She wrote two books on the Vichy regime and was a child of Le Chambon.

Nathalie Heinich is Senior Researcher at the French National Center for Scientific Research, and presently works at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales. She is an expert of the history of Le Chambon.

Leah Pisar is President of the Aladdin Project, which promotes intercultural ties and dialogue through Holocaust education. She holds a PhD in Political Science and served as a member of the National Security Council Staff in the Clinton White House.

Pierre Sauvage is a French/American documentary filmmaker, who was a child survivor of the Holocaust and a child of Holocaust survivors. He directed Weapons of the Spirit.

5:30 pm: Beginning of the symposium
Introduction by Leah Pisar

5:45 pm: “Jewish intellectuals on the “Plateau” during the German Occupation”, by Nathalie Heinich

6:15 pm: Introduction by Pierre Sauvage

6:30 pm: Sneak Preview, Weapons of the Spirit—remastered 30th-anniversary edition, 93 min

8 pm: Q&A session with Pierre Sauvage, Michèle Cone, Nathalie Heinich, moderated by Leah Pisar

9 pm: End of the day
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