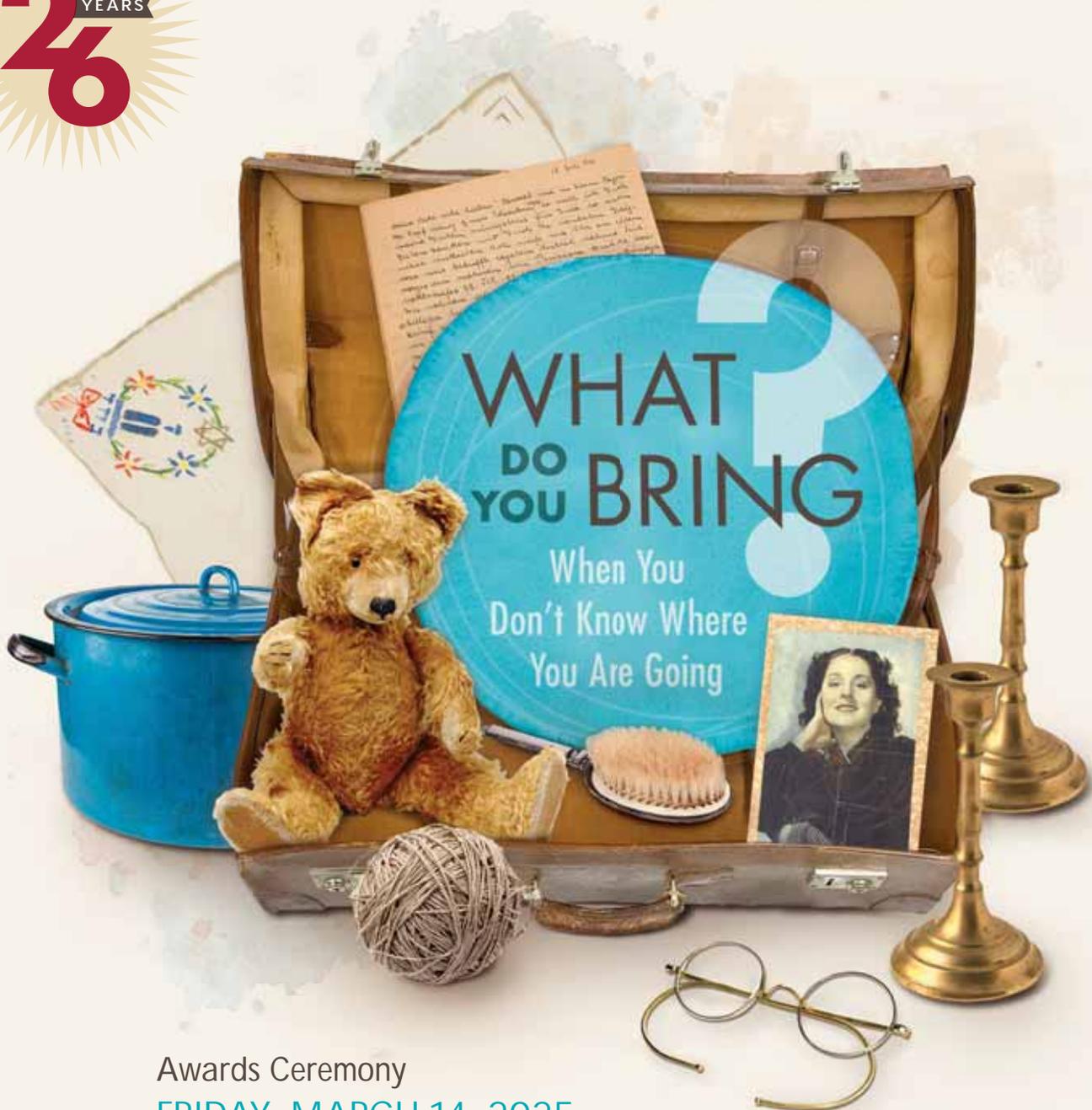


SALA AND ARON SAMUELI HOLOCAUST ART & WRITING CONTEST

Presented by Chapman University and The 1939 Society



Awards Ceremony
FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025



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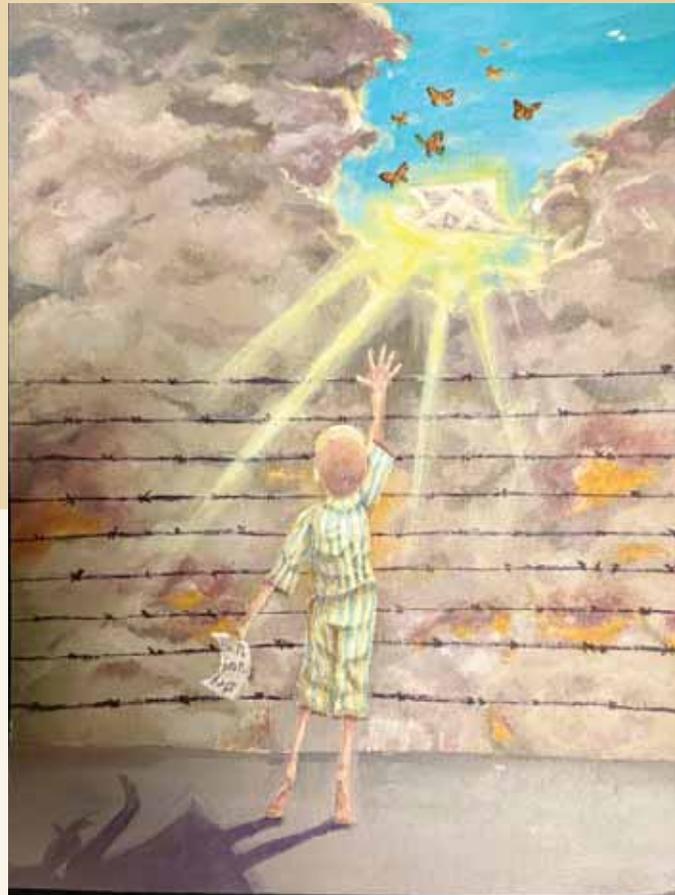
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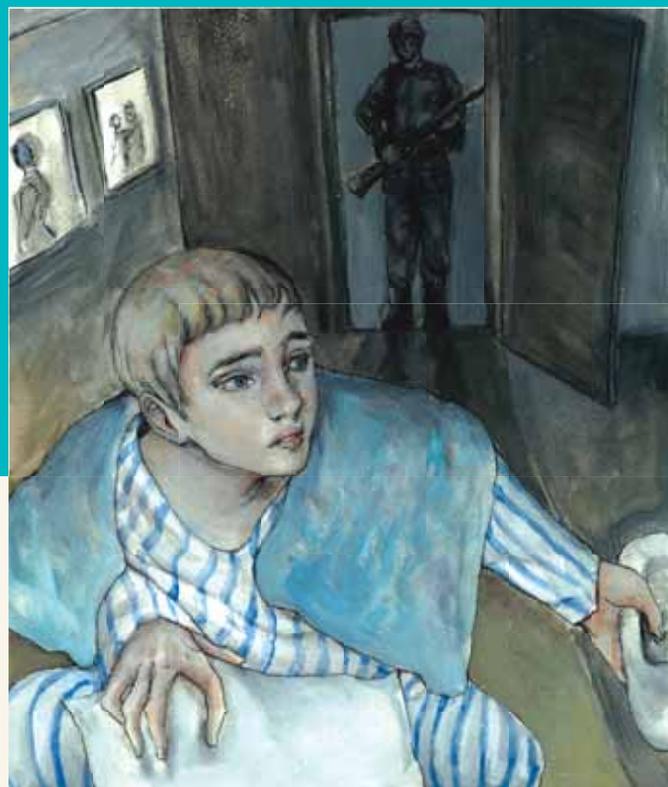
The Liner Family Foundation for their
support in loving memory of George Hershey,
Holocaust survivor, and beloved father
and grandfather.

SALA AND ARON SAMUELI HOLOCAUST ART & WRITING CONTEST

This year marks the 26th anniversary of the Holocaust Art & Writing Contest, now renamed the Sala and Aron Samuelli Holocaust Art & Writing Contest, thanks to a generous gift from the Samuelli Foundation that now endows the contest. Launched in 1999 as a partnership between the Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education at Chapman University and The "1939" Club, now The 1939 Society, the contest has grown from a few local schools to become a national, and increasingly, an international competition. This year the contest includes more than 235 registered schools and thousands of students.

This growth would not have been possible without the extraordinary support of the Chapman University administration; The 1939 Society; and our various benefactors, especially the Samuelli Foundation and Dana and Yossie Hollander, whose generosity makes possible our annual study trip for first-place students and their teachers.

The idea for this contest originated with the president of The 1939 Society, William Elperin. During the first years of the contest, at the awards ceremony, we were blessed with the presence of nearly a hundred members of The "1939" Club. This year, as we mark our 26th anniversary, very few who are witnesses to the Holocaust are still physically able to be with us, although many are viewing the live feed of our program. In spite of their physical absence, the spirit of all those who have taught, mentored, and inspired us over the last two and a half decades is very much present—their memories and their voices now live within over 155,000 students who have participated in 26 years of the contest.



We extend our appreciation to Sodexo for their generous contribution to the reception following the Awards Ceremony.

AUTOGRAPHS

Messages from Survivors
and Their Families



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CONGRATULATE ALL PARTICIPANTS

in the Sala and Aron Samuelli
Holocaust Art & Writing Contest

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SALA AND ARON SAMUELI HOLOCAUST ART & WRITING CONTEST

Music by the Orange County Klezmers

WELCOME

Daniele Struppa
President, Chapman University

INTRODUCTIONS

Marilyn Harran
Stern Chair in Holocaust Education and Director, Rodgers Center
for Holocaust Education, Wilkinson College of Arts, Humanities,
and Social Sciences, Chapman University

SPECIAL GREETINGS

William Elperin
President, The 1939 Society



BRING YOUR HEART: FACING UNCERTAIN TIMES AND LEARNING FROM THE PAST

Alexandra Zapruder
Author, *Salvaged Pages:
Young Writers' Diaries of the Holocaust*
Education Director of The Defiant
Requiem Foundation

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AWARD OF RECOGNITION

Sharon Grosfeld
President, Friends of the Forum

SAVE THE DATE

SALA AND ARON SAMUELI
HOLOCAUST
ART & WRITING
CONTEST

AWARDS CEREMONY

March 13, 2026
11 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MIDDLE SCHOOL FINALISTS AND WINNERS

Prose Category

First and Second Prize

Reading of First Prize Prose

Marika Manos

History/Social Science Manager
Curriculum, Instruction & Academic Enrichment,
Orange County Department of Education

Poetry Category

First and Second Prize

Reading of First Prize Poem

Dana Hollander

Benefactor and Community Volunteer
Sponsor, Echoes & Reflections

Art Category

First and Second Prize

Reading of First Prize Statement

Lindsey Spindle

President, Samuelli Family Philanthropies and
Chief Operating Officer, H&S Ventures

Film Category

First and Second Prize

Reading of First Prize Statement
Screening of First Prize Film

Jennifer Keene

Dean, Wilkinson College of Arts,
Humanities, and Social Sciences

ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL FINALISTS AND WINNERS

Prose Category

First and Second Prize

Reading of First Prize Prose

Marika Manos

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CONGRATULATIONS

Daniele Struppa

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Marilyn Harran

Distribution of certificates and prizes to student representatives and teachers will follow the awards ceremony in the lobby of Memorial Hall. Reception in the Attallah Piazza.

Non-finalist artworks will be returned in each school's prize bag.

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REGISTERED SCHOOLS



We encourage all our visitors today to visit the exhibit:

Holocaust Survivors: The Indestructible Spirit

on the Second and Fourth Floors
of the Leatherby Libraries.

Photography by Bill Aron.

Summaries by Dr. Marilyn Harran
with research assistance from
Chapman University students.



This exhibit is made possible by a generous gift from Irving and Nancy Chase in honor of Sol (Z"l) and Fay Chase (Z"l).

REGISTERED MIDDLE SCHOOLS - NATIONAL

ARIZONA

Maricopa

Desert Wind Middle School

Patagonia

Patagonia Elementary School

CALIFORNIA

Aliso Viejo

Aliso Viejo Middle School

Anaheim

Acaciawood Preparatory
Academy
Guinn Elementary

Beverly Hills

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Brea

Brea Junior High
St. Angela Merici School

Buena Park

Buena Park Middle School
Saint Pius V Catholic School

Cape Coral

Saint Andrew Catholic School

Corona del Mar

Harbor Day School

Costa Mesa

Christ Lutheran School
Mariners Christian School
St. Joachim Catholic School
St. John the Baptist
Catholic School

Cypress

Lexington Junior High School
Oxford Academy
Saint Irenaeus Elementary School

Fountain Valley

Vista View Middle School

Fullerton

Beechwood School
Da Vinci Art Studio
(for Oxford Academy)
Ladera Vista Jr. High
School of the Arts
Robert C. Fisler School

Garden Grove

Christ Cathedral Academy
Izaak Walton Intermediate
Lake Intermediate

Huntington Beach

Isaac L. Sowers Middle School
Marine View Middle School
Saints Simon & Jude
Catholic School
Stacey Middle School
Talbert Middle School



Irvine

Deerfield Elementary School
Lakeside Middle School
Orchard Hills School
Tarbut V'Torah Community
Day School

La Cañada

La Cañada 7/8 High School

La Habra

Washington Middle
School

La Palma

Walker Junior High School

Laguna Niguel

St. Anne School

Lakewood

Herbert Hoover Middle School

Las Flores

Las Flores Middle School

Los Alamitos

St. Hedwig School

Menifee

Santa Rosa Academy

Mission Viejo

La Paz Intermediate School

Newport Beach

Corona del Mar Middle/
High School

Orange

Holy Family Catholic School
Santiago Charter Middle School

Placentia

Buena Vista Virtual Academy
Kraemer Middle School
Parkview School
Tuffree Middle School
Valadez Middle School Academy

Rancho Palos Verdes

Dodson Middle School

Rancho Santa Margarita

St. J Serra Catholic School
St. John's Episcopal School

San Clemente

Our Lady of Fatima School
Shorecliffs Middle School

San Diego

San Diego Jewish Academy

San Gabriel

West California Academy
of Art and Design

San Marcos

Calvary Preparatory Academy

Santa Ana

Heninger K-8
Scholarship Prep Orange County
Willard Intermediate School

Spring Valley

Spring Valley Academy

Stanton

Robert M Pyles STEM Academy

Tustin

Pioneer Middle School
St. Cecilia Catholic School

Vacaville

Vacaville Christian Middle School

Whittier

Rancho Starbuck Middle School

Yorba Linda

Orange County School of
Computer Science at Bernardo
Yorba Middle School
Saint Francis of Assissi School
Travis Ranch Middle School
Yorba Linda Middle School

COLORADO

Highlands Ranch

Ranch View Middle School

CONNECTICUT

Stratford

St. Mark School

FLORIDA

Berrien Springs

Berrien Springs Middle School

Davie

NOVA Middle School

Palm Beach Gardens

Arthur I. Meyer Jewish
Preparatory School

Plantation

American Heritage School

Tallahassee

Community Leadership Academy

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REGISTERED MIDDLE SCHOOLS (CONTINUED)

GEORGIA

Augusta

Episcopal Day School

Columbus

Veterans Memorial Middle School

HAWAII

'Aiea

'Aiea Intermediate School

ILLINOIS

Arlington Heights

Thomas Middle School

Champaign

Jefferson Middle School

Galesburg

Costa Catholic Academy

IOWA

Rock Rapids

Ignite Christian Academy

KANSAS

Wichita

Mayberry Middle School

LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge

Central Private School

Belle Chasse

Belle Chasse Academy

MAINE

Mechanic Falls

Elm Street School

Minot

Minot Consolidated School

MASSACHUSETTS

Brookline

St. Mary of the Assumption School



MICHIGAN

Hartland

Ore Creek Hartland
Middle School

Leland

Leland Public School

Rochester Hills

Avondale GATE Magnet School

NEW JERSEY

Edison

Wardlaw and Hartridge School

Rahway

Rahway Academy

NEW YORK

Brooklyn

Macknik-Conde Home School

Williston Park

Schechter School of Long Island

NORTH CAROLINA

Chapel Hill

Culbreth Middle School

Kill Devil Hills

First Flight Middle School

Olin

North Iredell Middle School

OHIO

Cleveland

Birchwood School of Hawken

PENNSYLVANIA

Flinton

Glendale Jr./Sr. High School

Hegins

Tri-Valley Jr./Sr. High School

Johnstown

Westmont Hilltop School District

Pittsburgh

Jefferson Middle School

Mellon Middle School

Robesonia

Conrad Weiser Middle School

West Chester

Westtown School

SOUTH CAROLINA

Anderson

Southwood Academy of the Arts

Bluffton

Cross Schools

Hilton Head Christian Academy

Campobello

T. E. Mabry Middle School

Greenville

St. Joseph's Catholic School

TENNESSEE

Jackson

HomeLife Academy

TEXAS

Dallas

The Episcopal School of Dallas

Garland

Austin Academy

Houston

Meyerland Performing and
Visual Arts Middle School

Klein

Krimmel Intermediate School

Pearland

George A Thompson
Intermediate School

Wilson

Anderson Academy

VERMONT

Proctor

Proctor Junior/Senior High School

Vergennes

Vergennes Union Middle School

VIRGINIA

Lynchburg

Brookville Middle School

Richmond

The Steward School

WASHINGTON

Spokane

Saint George's School

WISCONSIN

Iola

Iola-Scandinavia Middle/
High School

REGISTERED HIGH SCHOOLS - NATIONAL

ARIZONA

Scottsdale

Saguaro High School

Tucson

University High School

CALIFORNIA

Anaheim

AcaciaWood Preparatory Academy
Canyon High School
Esperanza High School
Katella High School
Western High School

Banning

Banning High School

Brea

Brea Olinda High School

Corona

Santiago High School

Costa Mesa

Early College High School

Diamond Bar

Diamond Bar High School

Fullerton

Rosary Academy
Sunny Hills High School
Troy High School

Garden Grove

Pacifica High School

Hawthorne

Hawthorne Math and
Science Academy

Hesperia

Shadow Ridge School
Sultana High School

Huntington Beach

Ocean View High School

Irvine

Arnold O. Beckman High School
Crean Lutheran High School
Irvine High School
Tarbut V'Torah Community
Day School
University High School
Woodbridge High School

La Cañada

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La Habra

Sonora High School

Long Beach

Poly High School

Mission Viejo

Trabuco Hills High School

Moreno Valley

Canyon Springs High School

Newport Beach

Corona del Mar
Middle/High School
Pacifica Christian High School

Orange

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Placentia

Buena Vista Virtual Academy
El Camino Real High School
El Dorado High School
Parkview School
Valencia High School

Rancho Santa Margarita

Tesoro High School

Riverside

Riverside Virtual School

Sacramento

Mira Loma High School

San Diego

San Diego Jewish Academy

San Gabriel

Gabrielino High School

San Juan Capistrano

JSerra Catholic High School
St. Margaret's Episcopal School

San Marcos

Calvary Preparatory Academy

Santa Ana

Foothill High School
Orange County School of the Arts
Valley High School

Yorba Linda

Yorba Linda High School

CONNECTICUT

Greenwich

Greenwich High School

FLORIDA

Davie

David Posnack Jewish Day School

Miami

Riviera Preparatory School

Orlando

Bishop Moore Catholic
High School

GEORGIA

Columbus

Columbus High School

HAWAII

Kailua

Le Jardin Academy

ILLINOIS

LaSalle

LaSalle Peru High School

Sullivan

Sullivan High School

INDIANA

Valparaiso

Valparaiso High School

IOWA

Glenwood

Glenwood Community High School

Rock Rapids

Ignite Christian Academy

KANSAS

Overland Park

Blue Valley North

LOUISIANA

Shreveport

Loyola College Prep

MARYLAND

Poolesville

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MASSACHUSETTS

Littleton

Littleton High School

Stoneham

Stoneham High School

MICHIGAN

Bloomfield Hills

International Academy

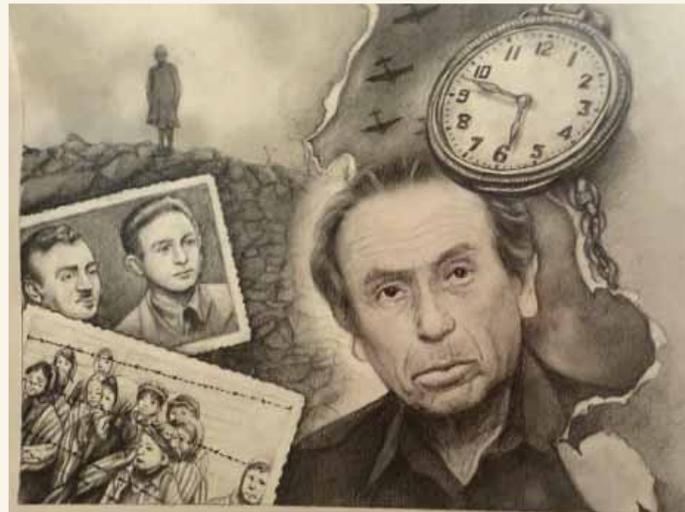
West Bloomfield

West Bloomfield High School

MISSOURI

Lone Jack

Lone Jack High School



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REGISTERED HIGH SCHOOLS (CONTINUED)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Derry
Pinkerton Academy

NEW JERSEY

Cape May Court House
Cape May County Technical High School

Fair Lawn
Naaleh High School for Girls

Woodbridge
Woodbridge Magnet School

NEW YORK

Brooklyn
St. Edmund Preparatory High School

Chappaqua
Horace Greeley High School

Flushing
Townsend Harris High School

Great Neck
North Shore Hebrew Academy High School

Williston Park
Schechter School of Long Island

NORTH CAROLINA

Carrboro
Carrboro High School

Morganton
Freedom High School

OHIO

Cincinnati
The Seven Hills School

Toledo
Toledo Early College High School

PENNSYLVANIA

Bethlehem
Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts

Drums
Hazleton Area Academy of Sciences STEM School

Hegis
Tri-Valley Jr./Sr. High School

Johnstown
Westmont Hilltop School District

Pittsburgh
Mt. Lebanon High School

West Chester
Westtown School

RHODE ISLAND

Warwick
Pilgrim High School

SOUTH CAROLINA

Bluffton
Cross Schools
Hilton Head Christian Academy

Greenville
St. Joseph's Catholic School

Richburg
Lewisville High School

Winnsboro
Fairfield Central High School

TENNESSEE

Kingston
Roane County High School

TEXAS

Arp
Arp High School

Colleyville
Prescott Homeschool Academy

Pasadena
Pasadena Memorial High School

San Antonio
Fox Tech High School

Wilson
Anderson Academy

VERMONT

Colchester
Colchester High School

Lyndon Center
Lyndon Institute

VIRGINIA

Bristol
John S. Battle High School

Fredericksburg
Riverbend High School

WASHINGTON

Leavenworth
Cascade High School

WISCONSIN

Wales
KM Global



REGISTERED MIDDLE SCHOOLS – INTERNATIONAL

POLAND

Tuszyn

Władysław Jagiełło Primary
School no 1

Zbąszczyń

Szkoła Podstawowa im.
Arkadego Fiedlera

SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg

King David Linksfield School
Yeshiva College of South Africa

UNITED KINGDOM

Aberdeen

Harlaw Academy

REGISTERED HIGH SCHOOLS – INTERNATIONAL

HUNGARY

Gyor

Richter János Zeneművészeti
Szakgimnázium

MEXICO

Mexico City

OLAMI ORT

NORTH MACEDONIA

Strumica

SOUUD "Dimitar Vlahov"

PHILIPPINES

San Pedro

Cuyab Integrated National
High School

POLAND

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Warsaw

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im. Mikołaja Reja

Wieluń

Janusz Korczak High School no 2

ROMANIA

Braşov

Dr. Ioan Meşotă National College

Bucharest

Colegiul National Sfântul Sava

SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg

King David High School Linksfield
The National School of the Arts
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An Evening of Holocaust Remembrance

Fish Interfaith Center | Chapman University

April 22, 2025 | 7 p.m.

Musical Tributes and Lighting of Candles of Remembrance

Cantor Chayim Frenkel

Kehillat Israel Reconstructionist Congregation, Pacific Palisades
Accompanied by David Kamenir

Saving the Jewish Heritage of Eastern Europe and Russia

Jonathan Brent, Ph.D.

Executive Director and CEO, The YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

Special Performance

Niv Ashkenazi

Artist-in-Residence, Violins of Hope
Performing on a Holocaust-Era Violin of Hope

Reservations Required. For more information about reserving tickets and registering for parking, visit [Tickets.Chapman.edu/Online/article/holocaust-remembrance-25](https://tickets.chapman.edu/Online/article/holocaust-remembrance-25)

Admission Free. An informal reception will follow the event.





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