

25th Annual Holocaust
Art & Writing Contest

Chapman University and
The 1939 Society

MEMORRY

Answering
the Call of

Choosing
to Act

Awards Ceremony
MARCH 15, 2024



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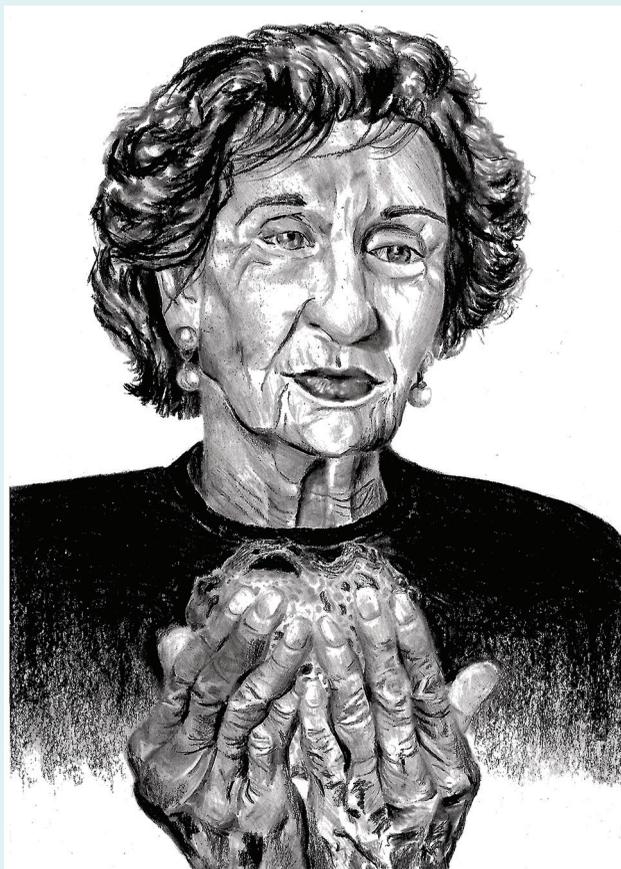
Justice Richard Fybel, Z"l, mentor and friend, exemplar of judicial integrity
and courage, and dedicated member of the Second Generation.

Fela and Natan Gipsman

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

Eric Scandrett

25th Annual Holocaust Art & Writing Contest



This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Holocaust Art & Writing 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 one. This year the contest includes more than 230 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 Samueli Foundation and Dana and Yossie Hollander, whose generosity makes possible our annual study trip for first-place students and their teachers.

A special word of appreciation must go to Louis Weber and Publications International for twenty-five years of extraordinary support and the close to 10,000 copies of *The Holocaust Chronicle: A History in Words and Pictures* they have donated. Thanks to Publications International, each school receives a book which they can have signed by Holocaust survivors and their families, and by other participants and guests attending the reception following the awards ceremony. With these signatures, each book becomes a unique testimony to the memories created on this very special day that furthers knowledge and memory of the Holocaust and inspires commitment to making the words “never again” a reality.



And lastly, 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 25th 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 decades is very much present—their memories and their voices now live within the more than 150,000 students who have participated in 25 years of the contest. We are honored to include messages from some of these beloved mentors and friends in this year’s program.



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

AUTOGRAPHS

*Messages from Survivors
and Their Families*

March 15, 2024

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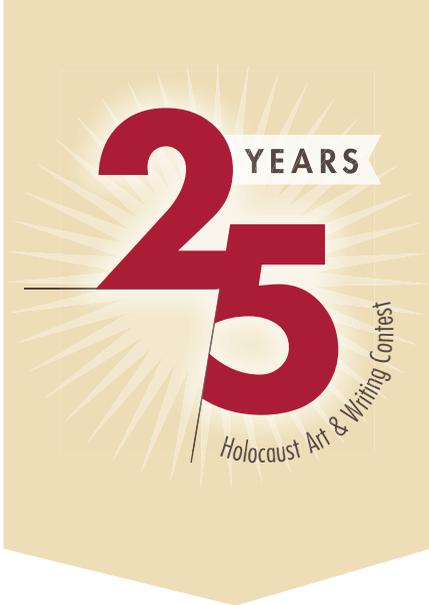
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Chapman University and The 1939 Society

**Congratulate all
participants**

in the 25th Annual Holocaust
Art & Writing Contest



25TH ANNUAL 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

THE CALL TO MEMORY

Messages from Holocaust Survivors and Witnesses



MEMORY IN ACTION

Nadia Murad

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
Human Rights Activist

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AWARD OF RECOGNITION

Sharon Grosfeld

President, Friends of the Forum

26th Annual Holocaust Art & Writing Contest
March 14, 2025 | 11 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MIDDLE SCHOOL FINALISTS AND WINNERS

Prose Category

First and Second Prize
Reading of First Prize

Denise Valadez
Associate Superintendent of Curriculum,
Spirituality, & Accreditation, Diocese of Orange

Poetry Category

First and Second Prize
Reading of First Prize

Jennifer Goss
Program Manager
Echoes & Reflections

Art Category

First and Second Prize
Reading of First Prize

Lindsey Spindle
President, Samueli Family Philanthropies and
Chief Operating Officer, H&S Ventures

Film Category

First and Second Prize
Reading of First Prize

Jennifer Keene
Dean, Wilkinson College of Art, Humanities, and Social Sciences

ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL FINALISTS AND WINNERS

Prose Category

First and Second Prize
Reading of First Prize

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

Jennifer Goss

Art Category

First and Second Prize
Reading of First Prize

Lindsey Spindle

Film Category

First and Second Prize
Reading of First Prize

Jennifer Keene



FROM MEMORY TO ACTION

Messages from Holocaust Survivors and Witnesses

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.

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

Scottsdale

Cocopah Middle School
Mohave Middle School

CALIFORNIA

Aliso Viejo

Aliso Viejo Middle School

Anaheim

AcaciaWood Preparatory
Academy
James Guinn Elementary

Bell

Orchard Arts & Media Academy

Beverly Hills

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Brea

Brea Junior High

Buena Park

St. Pius V 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
St. Irenaeus Parish School

Fountain Valley

Vista View Middle School

Fullerton

Beechwood School
Ladera Vista Jr. High School
of the Arts
Robert C. Fislser School

Garden Grove

Christ Cathedral Academy
Dr. Walter C. Ralston
Intermediate School
Izaak Walton Intermediate
Lake Intermediate School

Hesperia

Shadow Ridge School

Huntington Beach

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

Irvine

Irvine Virtual Academy at San
Joaquin Middle School
Lakeside Middle School
Orchard Hills School
South Lake Middle School
Tarbut v'Torah Community
Day School

La Cañada

La Cañada High School

Las Flores

Las Flores K-8 School

La Habra

Washington Middle School

La Palma

Walker Junior High School

Laguna Beach

Thurston Middle School

Laguna Niguel

Niguel Hills Middle School
St. Anne School

Lakewood

Herbert Hoover Middle School

Mission Viejo

La Paz Intermediate School

Moreno Valley

Palm Middle School

Newport Beach

Andersen Elementary School

Orange

Holy Family Catholic School
Santiago Charter Middle School
St. Norbert Catholic School

Palm Desert

Palm Desert Charter
Middle School

Pasadena

Polytechnic School

Placentia

Kraemer Middle School
Parkview School
Tuffree Middle School
Valadez Middle School
Academy

Rancho Palos Verdes

St. John Fisher School

Rancho Santa Margarita

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

Riverside

Arizona Middle School
Riverside Virtual Middle School

San Clemente

Our Lady of Fatima Academy

San Diego

High Tech High Middle Mesa
San Diego Jewish Academy

San Dimas

Lone Hill Middle School

San Juan Capistrano

Mission Basilica School

San Marcos

Calvary Preparatory Academy

Santa Ana

Gerald P. Carr Intermediate
Martin R. Heninger K-8
Scholarship Prep Orange County
St. Joseph School

Spring Valley

Spring Valley Academy

Stanton

Robert M. Pyles STEM Academy

Turlock

Turlock Junior High School

Tustin

Pioneer Middle School
St. Cecilia Catholic School

Whittier

Rancho Starbuck
Intermediate School

Yorba Linda

Bernardo Yorba Middle School
Buena Vista Virtual Academy
Saint Francis School
Travis Ranch Middle School
Yorba Linda Middle School

CONNECTICUT

Stratford

St. Mark School

FLORIDA

Cape Coral

St. Andrew Catholic School

Jacksonville

LaVilla School of the Arts

Palm Beach Gardens

Arthur I. Meyer Jewish
Preparatory School

GEORGIA

Columbus

Veterans Memorial Middle
School

HAWAII

Aiea

Aiea Intermediate School

ILLINOIS

Lincoln

Lincoln Junior High

INDIANA

Whitestown

Zionsville West Middle School

IOWA

Glenwood

Glenwood Community Schools

KANSAS

Wichita

Mayberry Cultural and
Fine Arts Magnet

MAINE

Millinocket

Stearns Junior Senior
High School

MARYLAND

Accokeek

Accokeek Academy

REGISTERED MIDDLE SCHOOLS (CONTINUED)

MASSACHUSETTS

Brookline

Michael Driscoll School

Norwood

St. Catherine of Siena School

West Springfield

West Springfield Middle School

MICHIGAN

Berrien Springs

Berrien Springs Middle School

Hartland

Hartland Middle School at
Ore Creek

Romeo

Romeo Middle School

MONTANA

Harlowton

Harlowton High School

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Littleton

Littleton Schools

NEW JERSEY

Cherry Hill

Henry C. Beck Middle School
Rosa International Middle School

Howell

Howell Middle School North

Livingston

Joseph Kushner Hebrew
Academy

Moorestown

Moorestown Friends School

Union

Kawameeh Middle School

NEW YORK

Port Washington

Carrie Palmer Weber
Middle School

NORTH CAROLINA

Wake Forest

Franklin Academy

PENNSYLVANIA

Pequea

Marticville Middle School

Pittsburgh

Mellon Middle School

Robesonia

Conrad Weiser Middle School

State College

YSCP

SOUTH CAROLINA

Anderson

Southwood Academy of the Arts

Bluffton

Cross Schools
Hilton Head Christian Academy

Inman

T.E. Mabry Middle School

TENNESSEE

Memphis

Hutchison School

VERMONT

Proctor

Proctor Junior/Senior
High School

VIRGINIA

Richmond

The Steward School

WASHINGTON

Bickleton

Bickleton Schools

WEST VIRGINIA

Wheeling

The Linsly School

REGISTERED HIGH SCHOOLS - NATIONAL

ARIZONA

Scottsdale

Chaparral High School
Nishmat Adin - Shalhevet
Scottsdale
Saguaro High School

ARKANSAS

Rison

Rison High School

CALIFORNIA

Anaheim

Acaciawood Preparatory
Academy
Canyon High School
Esperanza High School
Fairmont Preparatory Academy
Western High School

Banning

Banning High School

Corona

Santiago High School

Costa Mesa

Costa Mesa High School
Early College High School

Danville

The Athenian School

Diamond Bar

Diamond Bar High School

Fullerton

Sunny Hills High School

Garden Grove

Pacifica High School

Hawthorne

Hawthorne Math and
Science Academy

Hesperia

Shadow Ridge School

Huntington Beach

Saints Simon & Jude
Catholic School

Irvine

Arnold O. Beckman High School
Crean Lutheran High School
Creekside High School

Tarbut v'Torah Community
Day School
University High School
Woodbridge High School

La Cañada

La Cañada High School

La Habra

La Habra High School

Las Flores

Tesoro High School

Mission Viejo

Trabuco Hills High School

Moreno Valley

Canyon Springs High School

North Hollywood

North Hollywood High School

Orange

Orange High School

Placentia

El Camino Real High School
El Dorado High School
Parkview School
Valencia High School

Sacramento

Mira Loma High School

San Diego

San Diego Jewish Academy

San Gabriel

Gabrielino High School

San Juan Capistrano

JSerra Catholic High School

San Marcos

Calvary Preparatory Academy

Santa Ana

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

Westminster

Westminster High School

Yorba Linda

Buena Vista Virtual Academy
Yorba Linda High School

REGISTERED HIGH SCHOOLS (CONTINUED)

COLORADO

Northglenn
Northglenn High School

Pueblo
Pueblo County High School

CONNECTICUT

West Hartford
William H. Hall High School

FLORIDA

Davie
David Posnack Jewish
Day School

Miami
Riviera Preparatory School

Orlando
Bishop Moore Catholic
High School

Palm Beach Gardens
William T. Dwyer High School

Pembroke Pines
West Broward High School

GEORGIA

Gray
Jones County High School

Savannah
Woodville Tompkins Technical &
Career High School

HAWAII

Honolulu
Kaimuki Christian School

Kailua
Le Jardin Academy

IDAHO

Meridian
Mountain View High School

ILLINOIS

Sullivan
Sullivan High School

INDIANA

Oxford
Benton Central High School

IOWA

Glenwood
Glenwood Community Schools

KANSAS

Overland Park
Blue Valley North High School

MAINE

Millinocket
Stearns Junior Senior
High School

Readfield
Maranacook Community
High School

MARYLAND

Poolesville
Poolesville High School

MASSACHUSETTS

Dracut
Dracut High School

Lexington
Lexington High School

Stoneham
Stoneham High School

MICHIGAN

Clinton Twp
International Academy
of Macomb

West Bloomfield
West Bloomfield High School

MONTANA

Harlowton
Harlowton High School

NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Ipswich
Mascenic Regional High School

NEW JERSEY

Cape May Court House
Middle Township High School

Cherry Hill
Cherry Hill High School West

Closter
Peak Education Center

Moorestown
Moorestown Friends School

Roselle
Roselle Catholic High School

Woodbridge
Woodbridge Magnet School



NEW YORK

Brooklyn
St. Edmund Preparatory
High School
Yeshiva of Flatbush Joel
Braverman High School

Flushing
Townsend Harris High School

Great Neck
North Shore Hebrew Academy
High School

New York
Stuyvesant High School

Potsdam
Potsdam High School

OHIO

Akron
Springfield High School/
Junior High

PENNSYLVANIA

Bethlehem
Lehigh Valley Charter High
School for the Arts

Dallastown
Dallastown Area High School

Harmony
Seneca Valley Intermediate
High School

Lansdale
Pennedale Middle School

Pittsburgh
Mt. Lebanon High School
Shaler Area High School

RHODE ISLAND

North Scituate
Scituate High School

SOUTH CAROLINA

Bluffton
Cross Schools

Charleston
Bishop England High School

Greenville
St. Joseph's Catholic School

Winnsboro
Fairfield Central High School

TEXAS

Wall
Wall High School

UTAH

Cedar City
Cedar High School

VIRGINIA

Virginia Beach
Tallwood High School

WEST VIRGINIA

Wheeling
The Linsly School

REGISTERED MIDDLE SCHOOLS – INTERNATIONAL

IRELAND

New Ross

St Mary's Secondary School

PHILIPPINES

Homelife Academy

POLAND

Nasielsk

Szkoła Podstawowa nr 2 im. Stefana Starzyńskiego w Nasielsku

Tuszyn

Szkoła Podstawowa Nr1 im. Władysława Jagiełły w Tuszynie / Władysław Jagiełło Primary School no 1

Sobków

Szkoła Podstawowa im Jana Pawła II w Sobkowie

SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg

King David School Linksfield
Yeshiva College of South Africa

SOUTH KOREA

Sujeong-gu, Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do

Seoul International School



REGISTERED HIGH SCHOOLS – INTERNATIONAL



CANADA

Mississauga

St. Paul Catholic Secondary School

GERMANY

Bonn

Carl-von-Ossietzky-Gymnasium Bonn

MEXICO

Mexico City

Olami ORT

PHILIPPINES

San Pedro

Cuyab Integrated National High School

POLAND

Bielsko-Biała

Akademickie Dwujęzyczne Liceum Oxford Secondary School

Kozienice

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Niepubliczne Technikum Zawodowe w Kozienicach
ZDZ w Kielcach

Rzeszów

IX Liceum Ogólnokształcące z Oddziałami Dwujęzycznymi im. Św. Królowej Jadwigi

Warsaw

XI Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Mikołaja Reja w Warszawie

ROMANIA

Braşov

Dr. Ioan Meşotă National College

Bucharest

Saint Sava National College

SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg

King David High School Linksfield
Yeshiva College of South Africa

SOUTH KOREA

Sujeong-gu, Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do

Seoul International School

CONTEST JUDGES

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St. Columban Catholic School

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Specialist, Echoes & Reflections,
Anti-Defamation League; Education
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Heather Breen, Assistant Director,
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Marketing and Communications,
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Jeff Brouwer, Assistant Vice President,
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Chapman University

Janet Brown, Field Representative for
Congressman J. Luis Correa

Nancy Chase, Community Volunteer;
Co-Benefactor, "The Indestructible
Spirit" photography and memoir
project

William Elperin, President,
The 1939 Society

Natalie Figueroa, Chapman
University, '18; English and self-
designed Holocaust History major;
Administrative Assistant, History
Department, Chapman University

Jackie Fox, Daughter of first
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Leslie Furman, Daughter of first
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Tabuco Hills High School

Jennifer Goss, Project Manager,
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Rodgers Center for Holocaust
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Studies and History, Chapman
University

Dana Hollander, Benefactor;
Community Volunteer; Sponsor
of Echoes & Reflections Holocaust
Education Program



Claudine Jaenichen, Professor
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Wilkinson College of Arts,
Humanities, and Social Sciences,
Chapman University

Barbara Jaffe, English Professor
Emeritus; UCLA Fellow, Department
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Wilkinson College of Arts,
Humanities, and Social Sciences,
Chapman University

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Marketing and Communications,
Chapman University

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University, '24; Screenwriting
Major, Dodge College of Film
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Wilkinson College of Arts,
Humanities, and Social Sciences

Peter Levi, Regional Director, Anti-
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Strategy, Strategic Marketing
and Communications, Chapman
University

Keren Perlmutter, Board Member,
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Marianne Petersen, Retired Teacher,
Orange High School

Tova Rotlevy-Cohen, Sculptor &
Holocaust Survivor

Eva Selski, Health educator;
second generation

Lindsey Spindle, President, Samueli
Family Philanthropies and Chief
Operating Officer, H&S Ventures

Jackson Spiner, Chapman University,
'24; Screenwriting Major, Dodge
College of Film and Media Arts

Abigail Stephens, Chapman
University, '26; History Major,
Wilkinson College of Arts,
Humanities, and Social Sciences

Sharlene Tartaglioni, Retired Teacher,
James Irvine Intermediate School,
Garden Grove Unified School
District

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Superintendent of Curriculum,
Spirituality and Accreditation for
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of Orange

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APRIL 17 – JULY 31, 2024

Hilbert Museum of California Art
at Chapman University

167 N. Atchison Street, Orange

MESSENGERS OF MEMORY

We invite you to visit the special curated exhibit "**Messengers of Memory**" highlighting 25 years of prize-winning entries in the Holocaust Art & Writing Contest, co-sponsored by the Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education at Chapman University and The 1939 Society.

This extraordinary exhibit, including art, prose, poetry, and film, honors Holocaust survivors and celebrates the creativity of students who are their voices to the future — **messengers of memory**.

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Holocaust Education**

HILBERT
MUSEUM
OF CALIFORNIA ART
AT CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

Parking available in the
Old Towne West Parking Structure,
130 N. Lemon Street

An Evening of Holocaust Remembrance

May 2, 2024 • 7 p.m.
Fish Interfaith Center, Chapman University

A Collaborative Program of Holocaust-Era Music



Rodgers Center for
Holocaust Education
Fish Interfaith Center



Performed by Members of the
Pacific Symphony
and
Cantor Chayim Frenkel

Kehillat Israel Reconstructionist Congregation, Pacific Palisades

Compositions by Hans Krása, Gideon Klein,
Viktor Ullmann, Ilse Weber, and
Rosie Wertheim

*Lighting of Candles
of Remembrance*



Admission Free.

Reservations required. Visit events.Chapman.edu/92022 for additional event and ticketing information. *An informal reception will follow the event.*

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