

THE GROSS FAMILY CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF
ANTISEMITISM AND THE HOLOCAUST

2019-2020 SPEAKER SERIES



“ Sometimes I am asked if I know the ‘response to Auschwitz.’ I answer that not only do I not know it, but that I don’t even know if a tragedy of this magnitude has a response. What I do know is that there is ‘response’ in responsibility. ”

– *Elie Wiesel*

As the number of living Holocaust survivors decreases and global antisemitism increases, The Gross Family Center for the Study of Antisemitism and the Holocaust and Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County are working together to raise awareness of the Holocaust and prejudice faced by Jewish people around the world.

The Gross Family Center Speaker Series provides the Palm Beaches with powerful programming that explores the experiences and consequences of antisemitism and the Holocaust, the singular most catastrophic human genocide in history.

This Speaker Series – free and open to the public – features prominent and international experts, connecting community members to critical aspects of the Jewish experience.

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Presented by The Gross Family Center for the Study of Antisemitism and the Holocaust, a program of the Gayle and Paul Gross Family Foundation, a joint initiative with the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County

Program Schedule

Alarming Escalation of European Antisemitism: The EU Survey Results

Sunday, November 10, 2019 – 11 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Claudia Dunlea

Mandel JCC, Palm Beach Gardens

Jewish Survival in Our Battle Over Civilization

Sunday, November 24, 2019 – 11 a.m.

Speaker: Melanie Phillips

Indian Spring Country Club, Boynton Beach

Author book signing

*This program is generously sponsored in part by
Eva & Marvin Schlanger.*

Lessons of the Holocaust Applied to Contemporary Arab-Israeli Issues and Rising Antisemitism

Sunday, December 1, 2019 – 11 a.m.

Speaker: Morton A. Klein

Mandel JCC, Palm Beach Gardens

A Dark Alliance Resurfaces: Nazis and Islamist Supremacism

Sunday, December 15, 2019 – 11 a.m.

Speakers: Richard Green and Shireen Qudosi

Temple Beth El, West Palm Beach

Brief documentary screening followed by panel discussion

The Chasm of Corporate Complicity and the Holocaust: Ford, GM, IBM, Carnegie and Rockefeller

Sunday, January 12, 2020 – 11 a.m.

Speaker: Edwin Black

Indian Spring Country Club, Boynton Beach

Author book signing

All programs are free and open to the public.

Registration is required.

Registration for all events available at

jewishpalmbeach.org/holocaustcenter

For more information, contact Virginia Smith at

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Babi Yar: Holocaust by Bullets

Sunday, January 26, 2020 – 11 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Irving Berkowitz

Indian Spring Country Club, Boynton Beach

The Battle for the Jewish Future: Europe, America and Israel

Sunday, February 9, 2020 – 11 a.m.

Speaker: Benjamin Anthony

Mandel JCC, Palm Beach Gardens

The Largest Pro-Israel Movement in America: Christian Zionists and Why Jews Should Trust Them

Sunday, February 23, 2020 – 11 a.m.

Speaker: Pastor Victor L. Styrsky

Temple Beth El, West Palm Beach

Archives of the Disappeared: Photography and the Shame of Memory

Sunday, March 15, 2020 – 11 a.m.

Speaker: Tim B. Wride

Indian Spring Country Club, Boynton Beach

The Antisemitic Impact of Muslim Funding into American Universities and Nonprofits

Sunday, March 22, 2020 – 11 a.m.

Speaker: Gregg Roman

Mandel JCC, Palm Beach Gardens

Who Will Write Our History

Sunday, April 5, 2020 – 11 a.m.

Speaker: Roberta Grossman

Indian Spring Country Club, Boynton Beach

Documentary screening (36-minute version) and discussion
with writer, producer and director

Presented in conjunction with the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

Venues

Indian Spring Country Club

11501 El Clair Ranch Road | Boynton Beach

Mandel JCC

5221 Hood Road | Palm Beach Gardens

Temple Beth El

2815 North Flagler Drive | West Palm Beach

About the Speakers



BENJAMIN ANTHONY

The Battle for the Jewish Future: Europe, America and Israel

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Benjamin Anthony is the founder of Our Soldiers Speak, a not-for-profit NGO that provides briefings and analyses on the realities and challenges faced by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) in asymmetrical combat situations. Anthony speaks annually on Capitol Hill, and he arranges briefings by senior IDF officers for members of the U.S. Congress and their staffers. He has lectured to audiences at more than 450 campuses and leading think tanks in various countries. Anthony is a Sergeant in the IDF Reserves and a veteran of service.



DR. IRVING BERKOWITZ

Babi Yar: Holocaust by Bullets

Sunday, January 26, 2020

The son of Holocaust survivors, Dr. Irving Berkowitz is a widely respected scholar and public speaker on the Holocaust and contemporary antisemitism. He has served as Dean of Academic Affairs at Palm Beach State College since 2013, and he recently completed a fellowship as scholar in residence at Oxford University's Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy. Dr. Berkowitz has received numerous commendations, including the 2019 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Leadership Award, for his lifetime of scholarship, advocacy, and service in relation to racism, antisemitism, hatred and discrimination.



EDWIN BLACK

The Chasm of Corporate Complicity and the Holocaust: Ford, GM, IBM, Carnegie and Rockefeller

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Edwin Black is an award-winning, international investigative author. He has written 200 editions in 20 languages in 190 countries, as well as scores of newspaper and magazine articles in the United States, Israel and Europe. His work focuses on issues including human rights, genocide and hate, and historical investigation. Black has appeared on hundreds of network broadcasts for his human rights investigations, which also have been the subject of numerous documentaries. Some of his books include *IBM and the Holocaust*, *War Against the Weak* and *The Farhud*.



DR. CLAUDIA DUNLEA

**Alarming Escalation
of European Antisemitism:
The EU Survey Results**

Sunday, November 10, 2019

Dr. Claudia Dunlea is Senior Instructor of History at Florida Atlantic University, and she is the author of a renowned book that investigates

the origins of a supranational European foreign policy in the 1950s. She has spent years researching the diplomatic relations of the European Union and the way European leaders respond to antisemitism.



RICHARD GREEN

**A Dark Alliance
Resurfaces: Nazis and
Islamist Supremacism**

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Richard Green is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of The Clarion Project, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization whose

mission is to educate Americans about issues of national security; the organization primarily focuses on the urgent threat of radical Islam. Green is also Co-Producer of five documentary films including *Obsession: Radical Islam's War against the West*, *The Third Jihad: Radical Islam's Vision for America* and *Honor Diaries*.



ROBERTA GROSSMAN

Who Will Write Our History

Sunday, April 5, 2020

An award-winning filmmaker with a passion for history and social justice, Roberta Grossman has written, directed, and produced more than 40 hours of film and television – telling stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things

in the name of justice. Her credits include *Who Will Write Our History*, *Above and Beyond* and *Hava Nagila (The Movie)*. She is the Co-Founder of the non-profit production company Katahdin Productions, and she is a panelist for the WGA Documentary Screenplay Awards.

About the Speakers



MORTON A. KLEIN

Lessons of the Holocaust Applied to Contemporary Arab-Israeli Issues and Rising Antisemitism

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Morton A. Klein is National President of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), the oldest pro-Israel group in the U.S., and a member of the National Council of AIPAC. A child of Holocaust survivors, he has been lauded for his contributions to national and international affairs. Klein's successful campaigns against anti-Israel bias were the subject of 30 feature stories here and in Israel. He was an economist in the Nixon, Ford and Carter administrations, and a biostatistician at UCLA School of Public Health and the Linus Pauling Institute of Science and Medicine.



MELANIE PHILLIPS

Jewish Survival in Our Battle Over Civilization

Sunday, November 24, 2019

Melanie Phillips is an author, broadcaster and journalist whose weekly column appears in The Times of London; it also has been published in the Guardian, Observer, Sunday Times and Daily Mail.

Phillips writes for The Jerusalem Post and Jewish Chronicle, and she is a regular panelist on BBC Radio. She has written several books, including *The Legacy*, which is about conflicted Jewish identity, antisemitism and the power of history.



SHIREEN QUDOSI

A Dark Alliance Resurfaces: Nazis and Islamist Supremacism

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Shireen Qudosi is The Clarion Project's National Correspondent and is involved with leading its Preventing Violent Extremism program. As a former refugee raised across three continents, she has a unique perspective of the issues facing the U.S. and global Muslim communities. Her keynote writings also include an in-depth assessment on the War on Terror through the lens of World War II.



GREGG ROMAN

The Antisemitic Impact of Muslim Funding into American Universities and Nonprofits

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Gregg Roman is the Director of the Middle East Form (MEF). Before joining MEF, he was Director of the Community Relations Council for the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. He has served as Senior Political Advisor to Danny Ayalon, Deputy Foreign Minister of the State of Israel, and International Humanitarian Aid Coordination Specialist in the Office of the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories at the Israeli Ministry of Defense. Roman is a Staff Sergeant in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Reserves.



PASTOR VICTOR L. STYRSKY

The Largest Pro-Israel Movement in America: Christian Zionists and Why Jews Should Trust Them

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Victor L. Styrsky has been a pastor, music director and pro-Israel activist for more than 35 years. He is the National Outreach Director and Eastern Regional Coordinator for Christians United for Israel (CUFI), a pro-Israel group with more than 4.5 million members. Pastor Styrsky is the author of *Honest to God - The 10 Questions Jews Ask Christian Zionists*. He speaks at synagogues, pro-Israel events, churches and universities nationwide.



TIM B. WRIDE

Archives of the Disappeared: Photography and the Shame of Memory

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Tim B. Wride is the William and Sarah Ross Soter Curator of Photography at the Norton Museum of Art. Prior to joining the museum in 2011, he was a curator in the Department of Photographs at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and was the founding director of a non-profit organization that provided cash grants to artists. Wride has authored more than a dozen books and numerous articles, and he has lectured and conducted workshops internationally.

THE GROSS CENTER FOR
HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES

In addition to The Gross Family Center in the Palm Beaches, The Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies offers innovative and expert educational public programming and teacher training at Ramapo College in New Jersey, 30 minutes northwest of Manhattan.

A selection of its **upcoming fall events** include:

Mischlinge: The Fate of Mixed Jewish-Non-Jewish Persons in Nazi Germany

Friday, October 11 – 1:45 p.m.

Carolyn Enger, concert pianist,
and Maren Friedman, survivor

**The Crucial Year of 1938:
The Fate of Jews in the Balance**

Tuesday, October 22 – 1:45 p.m.

Dr. Frank Mecklenburg, Director of Research,
The Leo Baeck Institute

**Inter-ethnic Violence
and the Partition of India**

Tuesday, October 29 – 1:45 p.m.

Dr. Ruma Sen, Professor of Communications,
Ramapo College

**Ethnic Cleansing:
When Does It Become Genocide?**

Friday, November 1 – 1:45 p.m.

Dr. Laura B. Cohen, Executive Director,
The Harriet and Kenneth Kupferberg Holocaust Center,
Queensborough Community College, CUNY

**In Hiding; Saving Jewish Lives
in the Holocaust**

Gumpert Teachers Workshop

Thursday, November 14 – 9 a.m.

In cooperation with and supported by the
N.J. State Commission on Holocaust Education

**Competing Diasporas, Shifting Centers:
Bialystok's Jews in the Age of World Wars**

Tuesday, November 26 – 1:45 p.m.

Dr. Rebecca Kobrin, Joseph Engel
Visiting Professor of American Jewish History,
Harvard University



**This isn't only
about the Jews. ...
Antisemitism is
the barometer of
human history. ...
All societies that
have embraced
antisemitism have
rotted to the core.
The stakes in this
fight could not
possibly be higher.**



*– Elan Carr,
United States Special Envoy
to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism*

July 31, 2019 remarks
at National Consultation on Responses
to Antisemitism for the Conference of Presidents
of Major American Jewish Organizations

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