THE GROSS FAMILY CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF ANTISEMITISM AND THE HOLOCAUST 2022-2023 SPEAKER SERIES



# **Special Program**

## **JEWISH VOICES PART 2**

Musicians: Arnaud Sussmann & Michael Brown

Monday, March 20, 2023 - 7 p.m.

Norton Museum
1450 South Dixie Highway,
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Acclaimed violinist Arnaud Sussmann graces stages around the globe as a soloist and chamber musician and has built a stellar reputation locally as Artistic Director for the Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach. Drawing inspiration from his own grandfather's survival of Auschwitz-Birkenau, Sussmann is joined by pianist Michael Brown with the second installment of this popular program honoring Jewish composers whose lives and music were cut short or impacted by the Holocaust.



### ARNAUD SUSSMANN

Winner of a 2009 Avery Fisher Career Grant, Arnaud Sussmann has distinguished himself with his bravura, and profound musicianship before audiences around the world, recently appearing as a soloist with the Vancouver Symphony, and the New World Symphony. As a chamber musician, he

has performed in Israel, London, Lincoln Center, Saint Petersburg, Dresden, and in Washington, DC. Sussmann is Artistic Director of the Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach, Co-Director of Music@Menlo's International Program, and teaches at Stony Brook University.



### **MICHAEL BROWN**

Michael Brown is "one of the leading figures in the current renaissance of performer-composers" (New York Times). Winner of a 2018 Emerging Artist Award from Lincoln Center and a 2015 Avery Fisher Career Grant, he is an artist of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, the First Prize

winner of the Concert Artists Guild competition and earned degrees in piano and composition from The Juilliard School. As the number of living Holocaust survivors diminishes daily and global antisemitism surges, The Gross Family Center for the Study of Antisemitism and the Holocaust is working 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 genocide in history.

This Distinguished 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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#### **Venues**

### **Chabad of Palm Beach Gardens**

6100 PGA Boulevard | Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

#### **Indian Spring Country Club**

11501 El Clair Ranch Road | Boynton Beach, Florida

### Jewish Community Synagogue

844 Prosperity Farms Road | North Palm Beach, Florida

## Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter Campus

5353 Parkside Drive | Jupiter, Florida

#### Palm Beach Synagogue

120 North County Road | Palm Beach, Florida

## **South County Civic Center**

16700 Jog Road | Delray Beach, Florida

#### The Fountains Country Club

4476 Fountains Drive | Lake Worth, Florida

# **Program Schedule**

An Evening of Hard Questions and Straight Answers on Political Antisemitism as the Midterm Elections Approach

Wednesday October 26, 2022 - 7 p.m.
Speakers: Edwin Black and Ken Abramowitz
Chabad of Palm Beach Gardens
In cooperation with Save the West and
Citizens for National Security

# PASSAGE TO SWEDEN Screening and Discussion with Director Suzannah Warlick

Sunday November 13, 2022 - 11 a.m. Speaker: Suzannah Warlick

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Jewish Community Synagogue

# Holocaust Death Trains: The central role of Europe's national railroads in implementing the "Final Solution"

Sunday December 4, 2022 - 11 a.m.

**Speaker: Dr. Irving Berkowitz**Fountains Country Club

# Why Don't Israel/Palestinian Negotiations Ever Work?

Sunday December 11, 2022 - 11 a.m.

**Speaker: Robert Spencer** Indian Spring Country Club

## Welcome to America: The Remarkable Impact of the Holocaust on Art and Museums in the United States

Sunday January 8, 2023 - 11 a.m.

**Speaker: Dr. Roger Ward** South County Civic Center

# The Escalating Threat From Antisemitism and What We

#### **Should Do About It**

Sunday January 22, 2023 - 11 a.m.

**Speaker: Jonathan Tobin** Indian Spring Country Club

You've heard the lies about Israel's occupation, settlements, Jerusalem, Palestinian's moderate leaders, a Palestinian State, apartheid, Palestinian refugees - NOW LEARN THE TRUTH

Sunday January 29, 2023 - 11 a.m.

Speaker: Morton A. Klein Indian Spring Country Club

## Paying for the Holocaust: **The Controversial Reparations Agreement & the Plot to Kill Adenauer**

Sunday February 12, 2023 - 11 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Claudia Dunlea

Palm Beach Synagogue

# **US Policy in the Middle East: Does War in Ukraine Change Everything**

Monday February 27, 2023 Speaker: Shoshana Brven

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Florida Atlantic University

# On College Campuses, Anti-Zionism IS Antisemitism

Sunday March 12, 2023 - 11 a.m.

Speaker: Ilan Sinelnikov South County Civic Center

## A Concert at the Norton: **Jewish Voices Part 2**

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Norton Museum

## In Their Own Words: The World of the **Child During the Holocaust**

Sunday March 26, 2023 - 11 a.m. Speaker: Dr. Patricia Heberer Rice

Indian Spring Country Club

In cooperation with the United States Holocaust

Memorial Museum

## The "Islamophobia" Subterfuge: Subversion and Propaganda

Sunday April 2, 2023 - 11 a.m.

Speaker: Christine Douglass Williams

South County Civic Center

## Yom Hashoah Commemoration for **Holocaust Memorial Day** at Palm Beach Synagogue

Monday April 17 - Friday April 21, 3023

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Spots of Light: To Be a Woman in the Holocaust In Cooperation with Yad Vashem

Monday April 17, 2023 - 7 p.m.

Documentary Screening: One Survivor Remembers

Tuesday April 18, 2023 Names Reading Ceremony

Shacharit

8 a.m.

Names Reading Of Those Who Perished 9 a.m.

(9 1/2 hours of continuous reading)

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# About the Speakers



DR. IRVING BERKOWITZ

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Sunday December 4, 2022
The son of Holocaust survivors, Dr.
Irving Berkowitz is a widely respected

scholar and brilliant public speaker on the Holocaust and contemporary antisemitism.



EDWIN BLACK &
KEN ABRAMOWITZ

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Midterm Elections Approach
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Edwin Black is the award-winning, international investigative and best selling author of *IBM* and the *HOLOCAUST* which has been optioned for a movie currently in production.

Ken Abramowitz is the Founder of Save the West and Director of Citizens for National Security.



SHOSHANA BRYEN

US Policy in the Middle

East: Does War in Ukraine

Change Everything

Monday February 27, 2023

Shoshana Bryen is Senior Director of the Jewish Policy Center in Washington DC and Editor of inFocus Quarterly. A

specialist in US defense policy and Middle East affairs, she has worked with the US Army War College, the National Defense University, and the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv.



# CHRISTINE DOUGLASS WILLIAMS The "Islamophobia" Subterfuge: Subversion and Propaganda Sunday April 2, 2023 Christine Douglass Williams is a ninetime international award-winning

journalist, a past federally appointed Director with the Canadian Race Relations Foundation and a former appointee to the Office of Religious Freedom in Foreign Affairs.



DR. CLAUDIA DUNLEA

Paying for the Holocaust:
The Controversial
Reparations Agreement &
the Plot to Kill Adenauer
Sunday February 12, 2023
Dr. Claudia Dunlea is Senior Instructor of
History at Florida Atlantic university and

penned a renowned book that investigates the origins of a supranational European foreign policy in the 1950's. She has spent years researching the diplomatic relations of the EU and the way European leaders respond to antisemitism.



DR. PATRICIA HERBERER RICE
In Their Own Words:
The World of the Child
During the Holocaust
Sunday March 26, 2023
Dr. Heberer Rice is the Senior Historian
and director of the Office of the Senior
Historian at the United States Holocaust
Memorial Museum in Washington DC.

She is a specialist on medical crimes and eugenics policies in Nazi Germany.



MORTON A. KLEIN
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about Israel's occupation,
settlements, Jerusalem,
Palestinian's moderate leaders,
a Palestinian State, apartheid,
Palestinian refugees NOW LEARN THE TRUTH
Sunday January 29, 2023

Mr. Klein is the leader of the oldest pro-Israel organization in the United States, fighting for the safety and security of Israel, against antisemitism and for the rights and interests of the Jewish people.

# **About** the **Speakers**



# ILAN SINELNIKOV On College Campuses, Anti-Zionism IS Antisemitism Sunday March 12, 2023 Ilan Sinelnikov is the Founder and President of the national Students Supporting Israel movement, a speaker, blogger and coach on the topics of

Israel, campus advocacy and grassroots activism.



# ROBERT SPENCER Why Don't Israel/Palestinian Negotiations Ever Work? Sunday December 11, 2023 Robert Spencer is the director of Jihad Watch and a Shillman Fellow at the David Horowitz Freedom Center. He is the author of 23 books and has led seminars for the FBI, US Central Command, Joint Terrorism

Task Force and the Justice Department.



ARNAUD SUSSMAN &
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of Auschwitz-Birkenau, acclaimed violinist Arnaud Sussman is joined by pianist Michael Brown with the 2nd installment of this powerful program honoring Jewish composers whose lives and music were cut short or impacted by the Holocaust.





# JONATHAN TOBIN The Escalating Threat From Antisemitism and What We Should Do About It Sunday January 22, 2023 Jonathan S. Tobin is the editor in chief of the Jewish News Syndicate, an international wire service covering the Jewish world and Israel. He is also a

senior contributor for The Federalist, a columnist for the New York Post, Newsweek, Haaretz, Washington Examiner and Commentary Magazine.



# DR. ROGER WARD Welcome to America: The Remarkable Impact of the Holocaust on Art and Museums in the United States Sunday January 8, 2023 Dr. Roger Ward is widely recognized

as an expert in the field of Nazi-era provenance research and the world's leading authority on the drawings of Baccio Bandinelli. He was a consultant to the Department of Homeland Security on the restitution of artworks looted during the Nazi era in Europe. He has also served as Curator and Director of a variety of Art Museums both domestically and abroad.



SUZANNE WARLICK

PASSAGE TO SWEDEN

Screening and Discussion
with Director
Suzannah Warlick
Sunday, November 13, 2022
Suzannah Warlick is the owner

of Bubble Soup Productions. She is an independent film creator, editor, director and producer. Her latest documentary has won acclaim in numerous important film festivals.

**All programs are free and open to the public.** Registration is required and available at GrossFamilyCenter.org

# **Exciting News from New Jersey**



Jacob Ari Labendz named Director of Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Ramapo College.

MAHWAH, N.J. - Ramapo College of New Jersey has named Jacob Ari Labendz as director of the Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

Dr. Labendz, a New Jersey native, is a scholar of Jewish history and culture with a research focus on Jews in and from Central Europe in the twentieth century.

Labendz stated that his goal as director is for the Gross Center to remain and improve as a resource to help the campus and regional communities "grapple productively with the horrors and lasting legacies of the Holocaust and genocide."

"I am hoping to reflect upon my many years of experience teaching in the fields of Holocaust and Jewish studies to offer dynamic, enriching, and thought-provoking courses for our students, whom I am committed to centering in our programming," Labendz said. "I hope to integrate more overseas and regional study-trips into our curriculum and co-curricular programs."

Labendz added that he expects to maintain and expand the high-quality programming that the Ramapo campus and local communities have come to expect of the Gross Center and to integrate Holocaust and genocide studies across the College through partnerships with other academic, co-curricular, and administrative units

Labendz has held research and teaching positions at the Center for Research on Antisemitism in Berlin, Charles University in Prague, Penn State and Youngstown State University. He also is a Wexler Graduate Fellow and received a Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation award, along with a dissertation completion grant from the Foundation for Jewish Culture. He earned his Ph.D. in history from Washington University in St. Louis in 2014.

Under Labendz's direction, the Gross Center will continue to offer a lecture series, along with other programs both

on and off campus, virtually and in person. Members of the community are invited to contact the Center to be placed on its email list. The Center will post its fall 2022 schedule as soon as possible, www.ramapo.edu/holocaust



# **Special Program**

# Yom HaShoah Commemoration Holocaust Memorial Day

Palm Beach Synagogue 120 North County Road, Palm Beach

Monday, April 17, 2023 - Friday, April 21, 2023 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily Special Exhibition: *Spots of Light: To Be a Woman* in the Holocaust

Exhibition provided by Yad Vashem, in cooperation with Palm Beach Synagogue and the Gross Family Center for the Study of Antisemitism and the Holocaust

Monday April 17, 2023 - 7 p.m.
Evening of Commemoration Documentary:
One Survivor Remembers

An Oscar-winning documentary of Gerda Weissmann's account of living through the Holocaust. In 1939, 15 year old Gerda's life would change forever as German troops invaded her home in Poland. Never losing hope, Gerda spent the next 3 years in slave labor camps, until her 350 mile death march during which 2000 women were subjected to exposure, starvation, and arbitrary execution. Her will to survive carries her directly into the arms of her future liberator husband.

Film sponsors: PBS, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Palm Beach Synagogue and the Gross Family Center for the Study of Antisemitism and the Holocaust

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9 a.m. Names Reading Of Those Who Perished

(9 1/2 hours of continuous reading)

6:30 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Palm Beach Synagogue encourages all to come, listen and participate in the Names Reading Ceremony. Members and non-members are welcome.

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