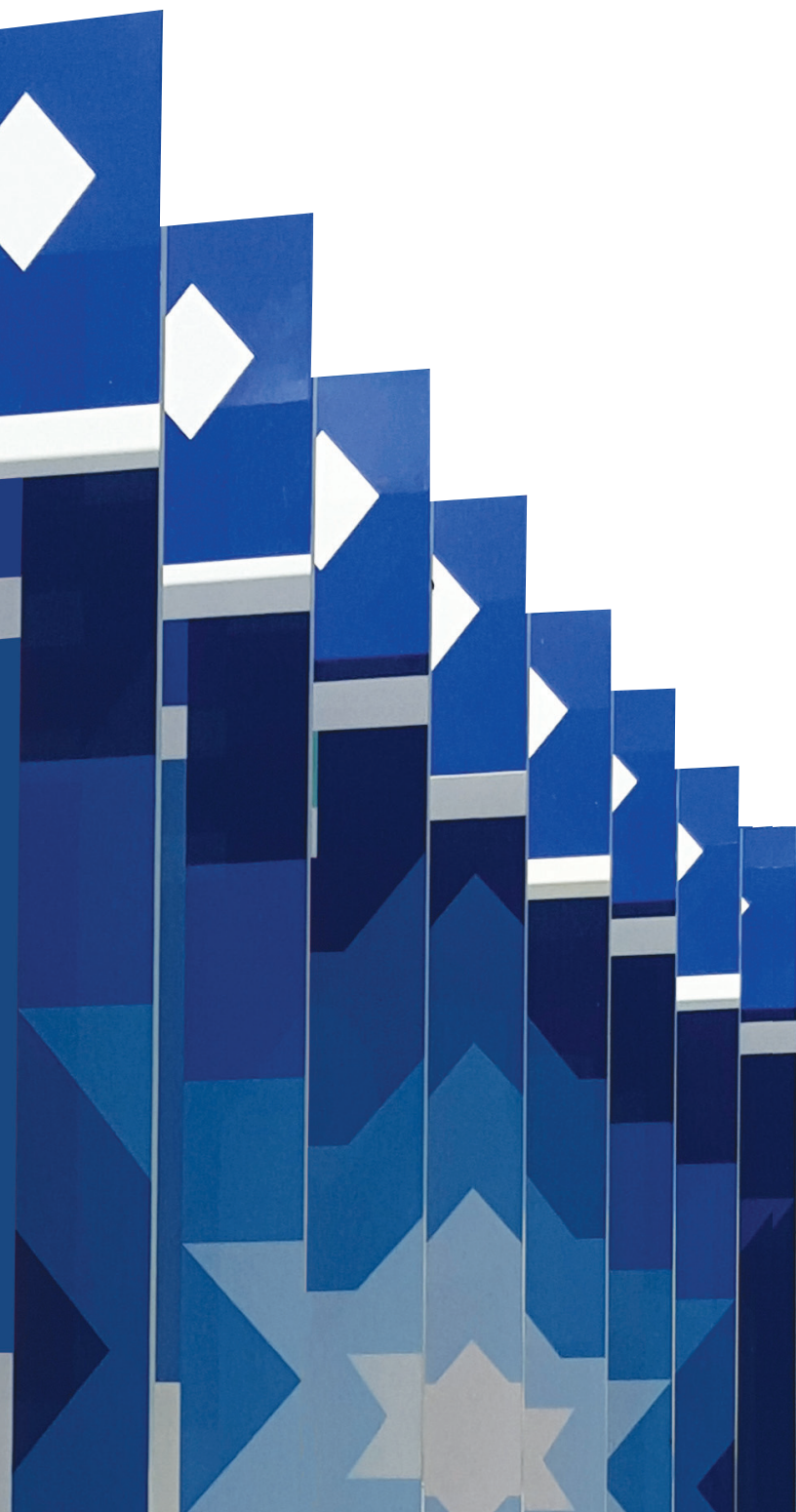


THE GROSS FAMILY CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF  
**ANTISEMITISM AND THE HOLOCAUST**  
**2023-2024 SPEAKER SERIES**





**Itzhak Katzenelson**

**Teacher, Poet, Author  
Playwright, Lyricist  
1886 Born in Belarus, Russian Empire  
1944 Murdered in Auschwitz**

“Song of the Murdered Jewish People” 1943-1944

“So it went on: 10 a day, 10,000 Jews a day.  
But that didn’t last long. Soon it was 15,000 they  
wanted from Warsaw, city of Jews, the closed-off,  
walled city dissolving before my eyes like snow.

Warsaw! Full of Jews like in a Yom Kippur shul,  
like in an open market, who davend and dealt,  
so sad and so happy, who looked for bread and  
looked for God. Walled city full only of the Jews.

Now you’re deserted! You’ve become empty!  
You’re a cemetery more desolate  
than a necropolis.  
Your streets dead but even empty of corpses,  
your houses open but no-one goes in or out.”

Reprinted with permission from the Ghetto Fighters' House, Itzhak Katzenelson Holocaust and Jewish Resistance Heritage Museum and Study Center, the world's first museum commemorating the Holocaust and Jewish heroism, and the only one founded by survivors, among them fighters of the Jewish underground in the ghettos of Poland and partisan units. The above poem is part of their 2,500,000 archival items.

**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**

### **Boca Raton Synagogue**

120 North County Road  
Palm Beach, Florida

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

6100 PGA Boulevard  
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

### **Florida Atlantic University Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Friedberg Auditorium**

777 Glades Road  
Boca Raton, Florida

### **Palm Beach Synagogue**

120 North Road  
Palm Beach, Florida

# Program Schedule

## **The Tainted Legacy of Richard Wagner**

**Sunday, November 12, 2023 - 11 a.m.**

**Speaker: Anette Isaacs**

Florida Atlantic University

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

## **Nazi Billionaires: The Dark History of Germany's Wealthiest Dynasties**

**Sunday, December 3, 2023 - 11 a.m.**

**Speaker: David de Jong**

Florida Atlantic University

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

## **Lithuanian Holocaust Fraud**

**Sunday, December 17, 2023 - 11 a.m.**

**Speaker: Grant Arthur Gochin**

Florida Atlantic University

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

## **IBM and the Holocaust: The Smoking Gun Documents**

**Sunday, January 7, 2024 - 11 a.m.**

**Speaker: Edwin Black**

Florida Atlantic University

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

## **Artificial Intelligence and Automated Antisemitism**

**Monday, January 8, 2024 - 7 p.m.**

**Speaker: Edwin Black**

Boca Raton Synagogue

## **Artificial Intelligence and Automated Antisemitism**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024 - 7 p.m.**

**Speaker: Edwin Black**

Chabad of Palm Beach Gardens

## **The Nazi Titanic**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024 - 11 a.m.**

**Speaker: Dr. Robert Watson**

Florida Atlantic University

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

**International Holocaust Remembrance  
Day Commemoration Featuring  
Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, FIDF**

**Sunday, January 28, 2024 - 1 p.m.**

**Speakers: Major General Nadav Padan, Natl. Dir.  
Captain Itai Tzur, Naval Commander**

Palm Beach Synagogue

**Time Capsules Under the Rubble:  
the Ringelblum Archive in the  
Warsaw Ghetto**

**Sunday, February 4, 2024 - 11 a.m.**

**Speaker: Dr. Samuel Kassow**

Florida Atlantic University

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

**Jerusalem and the Disputed Territories:  
Definitive Sovereignty in  
International Law**

**Sunday, February 18, 2024 - 11 a.m.**

**Speaker: Dr. Jacques P. Gauthier**

Florida Atlantic University

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

**The Masada of Warsaw**

**Sunday, March 3, 2024 - 11 a.m.**

**Speaker: Dr. Irving Berkowitz**

Florida Atlantic University

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

**The Taylor Force Act:  
Halting Pay to Slay**

**Sunday, March 17, 2024 - 11 a.m.**

**Speakers: Stuart Force**

**Lt. Col. Allen B. West**

**Julie Strauss Levin, Esq.**

Florida Atlantic University

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

**The Rothschild Dynasty:  
Overcoming Antisemitism**

**Sunday, March 31, 2024 - 11 a.m.**

**Speaker: Dr. Ralph Nurnberger**

Florida Atlantic University

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

**The Masada of Warsaw:  
A Special Presentation  
in Honor of Yom Hashoah**

**Sunday, May 5, 2024 - 1 p.m.**

**Speaker: Dr. Irving Berkowitz**

Palm Beach Synagogue

# About the Speakers



**DR. IRVING BERKOWITZ**

**The Masada of Warsaw**

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

**The Masada of Warsaw**

**A Special Presentation in  
Honor of Yom Hashoah**

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

The son of Holocaust survivors, Dr. Irving Berkowitz is a widely respected scholar and public speaker on the Holocaust and contemporary antisemitism. He served as Dean of Academic Affairs at Palm Beach State College for more than a decade. 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. He is currently consulting on a Broadway show dealing with the Holocaust.



**EDWIN BLACK**

**IBM and the Holocaust:**

**The Smoking Gun Documents**

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

**Artificial Intelligence and  
Automated Antisemitism**

**Monday, January 8, 2024**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

Edwin Black is the award-winning international investigative and best selling author of 11 books, 200 editions in 20 languages in 190 countries, as well as scores of newspaper and magazine articles in the leading publications of the United States, Europe and Israel. Since 2020, he has hosted the weekly issues-oriented and history-based "The Edwin Black Show". With more than 2.2 million books in print, Black has been interviewed on hundreds of network broadcasts around the world. He is also the recipient of multiple top editorial and human rights awards.

# About the Speakers



DAVID De JONG  
**Nazi Billionaires:  
The Dark History of  
Germany's Wealthiest  
Dynasties**

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

David de Jong is a journalist and author. His first book, *Nazi Billionaires*, will be

translated into more than twenty languages. He spent four years reporting from Berlin while researching and writing this book. His work has also appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and *Bloomberg Businessweek*. A native of the Netherlands, he currently lives in Tel Aviv and works as a Middle East correspondent for the Dutch *Financial Daily*.



STUART FORCE  
**The Taylor Force Act:  
Halting Pay to Slay**

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

Mr. Force has a distinguished record of service to our country as an Officer and Pilot in the United States Air Force and the Colorado Air National Guard. After retiring from the Air Force, Mr. Force was

a commercial pilot. Mr. and Mrs. Force were instrumental in ending the Palestinian Authority's policy of financially rewarding Palestinian terrorists. The bill, known as the Taylor Force Act, was named in honor of the Forces' son Taylor who was tragically murdered by a Palestinian terrorist while in Israel in 2016.



DR. JACQUES P. GAUTHIER  
**Jerusalem and the  
Disputed Territories:  
Definitive Sovereignty  
in International Law**

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

Dr. Gauthier is a Canadian international lawyer and scholar. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Geneva. He has served as legal counsel to many governments including that of France, Spain, Mexico and Canada. In 2000, he was knighted by the President of France as *Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite* and in 2015 appointed *Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur*. Dr. Gauthier has presented this lecture around the world, from London (House of Commons), to Washington (US Congress), Rome (Italian Senate), New York (United Nations), Brussels (EU Parliament), Tokyo (Japanese Parliament), Ottawa (Canadian House of Commons), The Hague (Dutch Parliament), in addition to Jerusalem, Basil, Geneva, Toronto, San Remo and beyond.

# About the Speakers



**GRANT ARTHUR GOCHIN**

## **Lithuanian Holocaust Fraud**

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

Grant Gochin currently serves as the Honorary Consul for the Republic of Togo. He is the Emeritus Special Envoy for Diaspora Affairs for the African Union, which represents the fifty-five African nations, and Emeritus Acting Dean of the Los Angeles Consular Corps, the second largest Consular Corps in the world. Gochin is actively involved in Jewish affairs, focusing on historical justice. He has spent the past thirty years documenting and restoring signs of Jewish life in Lithuania.



**ANETTE ISAACS**

## **The Tainted Legacy of Richard Wagner**

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

German born and raised Anette Isaacs, MA, is a Historian and Public Educator who has been presenting hundreds of programs on more than 40 different topics (all pertaining to her native country's history, politics, and culture) across the United States. She holds Master's Degrees in American Studies, Political Science, and History and is currently serving as the New Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami, Florida.



**DR. SAMUEL KASSOW**

## **Time Capsules Under the Rubble: the Ringelblum Archive in the Warsaw Ghetto**

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

Dr. Kassow, Charles H. Northam Professor of History at Trinity College, holds a Ph.D. from Princeton University. He has been a visiting professor at many institutions and was on the team of scholars that planned the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw. Among his many books is "Who will Write our History: Emanuel Ringelblum and the Secret Ghetto Archive" which received the Orbis Prize of the AAASS and which was a finalist for a National Jewish Book Award. It has been translated into eight languages. A child of Holocaust survivors, Professor Kassow was born in a Displaced Persons camp in Germany.



# About the Speakers



**JULIE STRAUSS LEVIN**  
**The Taylor Force Act:  
Halting Pay to Slay**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

Julie Strauss Levin is an attorney with extensive experience in both the for-profit and non-profit spaces. She served as General Counsel of Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Strauss Levin was Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for Feld Entertainment, Inc., the largest provider of live family entertainment in the world. She worked at several law firms representing a variety of clients, including the United States Olympic Committee. Ms. Strauss Levin was appointed to the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad. She also sits on the Virginia Israel Advisory Board.



**DR. RALPH NURNBERGER**  
**The Rothschild Dynasty:  
Overcoming Antisemitism**  
**Sunday, March 31, 2024**

Dr. Nurnberger is a widely acclaimed speaker who taught at Georgetown University for 38 years. He speaks frequently throughout the world. In addition to his academic career, Dr. Nurnberger previously served as a Foreign Policy Assistant and as a professional staff member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Dr. Nurnberger was the first director of "Builders for Peace", established in 1993, to support the Middle East Peace process through economic and social development. He is a Senior Partner of Nurnberger & Associates, a government relations firm founded in 1994, in Washington, D.C.



**MAJOR GENERAL NADAV PADAN**  
**International Holocaust  
Remembrance Day  
Commemoration Featuring  
Friends of the Israel Defense  
Forces, FIDF**  
**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

During his distinguished 36 years of military service in the IDF, Major General Padan has held several leadership positions, including commander of the central command and head of the cyber defense directorate. Padan began his career in the elite "Sayeret Matkal" special forces unit and went on to hold a wide range of leadership roles within the IDF. As a member of the IDF's executive leadership, Padan worked closely with Israel's highest-ranking governmental officials, including the prime minister, minister of defense, cabinet ministers and Knesset members.

# About the Speakers



**CAPTAIN ITAI TZUR**

**International Holocaust  
Remembrance Day  
Commemoration Featuring  
Friends of the Israel Defense  
Forces, FIDF**

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

Following in the footsteps of his grandfather, a Holocaust survivor, Captain Itai joined the Naval Academy and was eventually promoted to command a Naval Patrol Battleship, charged with securing the southern maritime border along the Gaza Strip and playing an active role in Operation Guardian of the Walls in 2021. Itai has also participated in FIDF's Witness in Uniform Delegation to Poland. He is currently the Director of the Advanced Command Training Program.



**DR. ROBERT WATSON**

**The Nazi Titanic**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

Dr. Watson is the Distinguished Professor of American History, Avron Fogelman Research Professor, and Director of Project Civitas at Lynn University. He is an award-winning author of over 45 books and 200 scholarly articles and essays on political and military topics. He is also a frequent media commentator in news outlets around the world, and a visiting scholar for dozens of historic sites. Dr. Watson co-founded the annual Truman Legacy Symposium for the Truman Presidential Library.



**LIEUTENANT COLONEL (RET)**

**ALLEN B. WEST**

**The Taylor Force Act:  
Halting Pay to Slay**

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

Allen B. West is a Christian constitutional conservative, a combat veteran, and former Member of the US Congress. He is the third of four generations of military combat veterans, participating in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. As Battalion Commander he deployed with his unit during the Iraq War in 2003 and continued to command his battalion until his retirement from the Army in 2004 after 22 years of honorable service in defense of the Republic. In November of 2010, Allen was honored to continue his oath of service to his country when he was elected to the United States Congress, representing Florida's 22nd District.



# GROSS CENTER

for Holocaust &  
Genocide Studies

## **Fall 2023:**

### **Holocaust and Genocide Education Workshop**

#### **October 9-11, Ramapo College**

Academic symposium

“CONTACT: Meetings and Movements of Jewish People and Artifacts across Cold-War Boundaries”

#### **October 9, Ramapo College**

Ann Hagedorn “Sleeper Agent: The Atomic Spy in America Who Got Away”

#### **October 17, Temple Beth Tikvah, Wayne, NJ**

Clifford Miller, “The Rare Books Collection of the Jewish Theological Seminary”

In partnership with the Rabbi Israel S. Dresner Center

#### **October 25, Location TBD**

Harry Rapaport and Lea Wolinetz, “The History and Legacy of Jewish Czestochowa”

#### **October 30, YMCA/YMHA in Wayne, NJ**

Jacob Ari Labendz, “Our Kolín Torah Scroll: Reimagining the Holocaust Torah”

#### **November 5, Location TBD**

IGG Center at Ramapo College and

Dr. Adina Newman

“Investigative Jewish Genetic Genealogy”

#### **November 9, Cong. Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, Mahwah, NJ**

Kristallnacht commemorative concert with pianist Itay Goren

## **Spring 2024: Teacher Training Program:**

### **The Holocaust & Genocide in US History Textbooks**

#### **April 4, Ramapo College**

Commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide

#### **April 24, Ramapo College**

Commemoration of Armenian Genocide

#### **May 6, Ramapo College**

Commemoration of Yom HaShoah

The Gross Center at Ramapo College in Mahwah, New Jersey (30 miles northwest of Manhattan), has been supported by the Gayle and Paul Gross Family Foundation for over 30 years.

For further information on updated events and active links to Zoom, please go to: [www.Ramapo.edu/holocaust](http://www.Ramapo.edu/holocaust)

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