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2020 RISA K. LAMBERT

Coming together has never been more important.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
Honoring MALLY ZOBERMAN RUTKOFF
Dear Friends,

We began planning this annual event in what was a different world. What is not different today is the urgent need for teaching the lessons of the Holocaust to new generations. That's why, rather than look back at all that has changed, this unprecedented moment calls for looking forward.

Although we are actively planning for our reopening, the Museum’s current pivot to an all-digital, all-the-time enterprise will shape our future. Demand for our online resources and teaching support has soared, and we are experimenting and reimagining our work for this new world. Our role has always been to help build and lead the fields of Holocaust scholarship and education as well as genocide prevention. Now these fields face challenges and opportunities as never before.

Thanks to your ongoing partnership, the Museum is well-positioned to learn from this crisis and grow into an even stronger, more impactful institution, whose educational message is more urgent than ever as manifestations of antisemitism and hatred rise. We take inspiration from the Chicago community, which has enthusiastically supported our institution since before it opened, recognizing the unique value of a national “living memorial” to the victims of the Holocaust. We’re deeply grateful for your generous commitment to our mission.

With gratitude,

SARA J. BLOOMFIELD
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PROGRAM

THE POWER OF COMING TOGETHER: WELCOME
Kathy Hess Tallering and Ken Tallering, 2020 Event Chairs

COMMEMORATION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF EUROPE
Gen. (Ret.) Robin Rand, Chief Executive Officer, Gary Sinise Foundation
Reflections from Holocaust Survivors Steven Fenves, Agi Geva, and Estelle Laughlin
Dramatic Readings of Victims’ Last Messages and American GI Eyewitness Accounts by Jason Alexander, Jamie Lee Curtis, David Eigenberg, Morgan Freeman, Camryn Manheim, Tim Matheson, Daniela Ruah, and Elizabeth Tulloch

RIsing TO THE CHALLENGE: THE NEED FOR GLOBAL HOLOCAUST EDUCATION
Sara J. Bloomfield, Museum Director

PRESENTATION OF THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD TO MALLY ZOBERMAN RUTKOFF
Jill Weinberg, Director, Midwest Regional Office

THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR CHOICES AND ACTIONS
A Conversation with R. Derek Black and Museum Historian Dr. Edna Friedberg
Mr. Black discusses why he renounced the white supremacist movement he was raised in, as well as his current work at the University of Chicago exploring the medieval and early modern origins of race, racist ideologies, and anti-Semitic beliefs.

THE POWER OF COMING TOGETHER: PLEDGE TO THE FUTURE
MALLY ZOBERMAN RUTKOFF, the daughter of two Holocaust survivors, understood the need to connect with others who shared her family’s history. Mally served as the first chair of the Children of Survivors group in Chicago and launched the National Children of Survivors trips to Washington, DC. She has exhibited extraordinary leadership for the Museum and throughout the community, where she is executive vice chair of the Michael Reese Health Trust and committee chair of the Jewish United Fund for the Fund for Innovation in Health and honorary director Women’s Division, and past chair and current board member of CJE SeniorLife. Mally’s three children are following in their mother’s footsteps as active members of the Museum’s Next Generation. She is now the proud grandmother of six members of the youngest generation.

R. DEREK BLACK was raised in a prominent white supremacist family and spent his teenage years helping his father expand the world’s first online racial hate community, Stormfront. After being homeschooled, Black attended New College of Florida and encountered student protests, as well as a new circle of friends, who prompted him to reexamine the movement’s ideology. Although he initially held onto his beliefs, Black eventually conceded that the ideology he had fought so hard to promote was harmful. Since renouncing the movement and philosophy in 2013, he has been coming to terms with his identity and sharing his experiences. In his current work at the University of Chicago, he is exploring the medieval and early modern origins of race, racist ideologies, and antisemitic beliefs.
VIRTUAL EVENT LEADERSHIP

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KATHY HESS TALLERING and KEN TALLERING are steadfast supporters of the Museum. They have been involved with the Risa K. Lambert Chicago Luncheon, serving as active members of the Luncheon Committee and as Luncheon Vice Chairs. Kathy is the daughter of Holocaust survivors from Germany and Ken’s family was impacted by the loss of much of his mother’s extended family in Hungary. Kathy is a retired pediatrician and is involved in a number of charitable causes. Ken practiced law for many years before transitioning into private equity and in 2005 founded Industrial Opportunity Partners, a successful private equity firm that he continues to manage. Kathy and Ken live in Lincoln Park and have three adult daughters, Stephanie, Allison, and Jennifer.

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EMAIL midwest@ushmm.org with “subscribe” in the subject line and with your name in the body of the email to receive the Museum’s Stay Connected newsletter, news about reopening, and invitations to special programs and exhibitions in the Chicago area.

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HOST a Days of Remembrance event with your school, synagogue, or workplace. Learn more and request free resources at ushmm.org/DOR.

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Chicago’s Next Generation hopes to inspire those in their 20s, 30s, and 40s to support the Museum’s work of honoring Holocaust victims by transforming their memory into meaningful action. The Next Generation Board is a dynamic group of supporters who dedicate their time and funds to the Museum. To learn more, contact Renee Rotter at rrotter@ushmm.org.

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—FAYLYN AND DANNY KAUFMAN, Next Generation Board Chairs
CHILDREN OF SURVIVORS

Children of Survivors in Chicagoland gather regularly to learn about the Museum’s work and current projects and to share their family histories. Daughters of Survivors meet for gatherings throughout the year, learn each other’s family histories, and discuss relevant topics. To join any of these groups or learn more, contact Amy Lask at 312.905.5459 or alask@ushmm.org.

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Renee Birnberg Silberman and Dr. Joseph Silberman

CHICAGO TEEN COMMITTEE

The Museum’s Chicago Teen Committee works to ensure that teens and future generations continue to find the lessons of the Holocaust relevant in their lives. Over the past few years, hundreds of Chicago-area teens and their parents have gathered to hear from local Holocaust survivors and Museum speakers.

CHAIR
Stephen Knobel and Cooper Wallman

The Chicago Teen Committee will hold virtual meetings throughout the coming year to learn, connect, and help raise funds for the Museum. For more information, contact the Midwest Office at 312.905.5459 or midwest@ushmm.org.

LAWYERS COMMITTEE

The Lawyers Committee helps broaden the reach of the Museum by working with law firms and individual attorneys to increase Holocaust education and awareness. It also encourages participation in Museum events among the legal community. The Committee sponsors several CLE programs annually. If you are interested in hosting an upcoming CLE program, becoming a Corporate Partner, or would like more information, contact Alison Abrams at 224.595.3296 or aabrams@ushmm.org.

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Thursday, October 22, 2020, Noon
CO-PRESENTED with Berger Schatz
FEATURED SPEAKER
John Geiringer, Partner, Barack Ferrazzano, and Co-Director, Center for National Security and Human Rights Law and the Consortium for the Research and Study of Holocaust and the Law, Chicago-Kent College of Law

In 2020, Lawyers Committee programs included:

THE DESTRUCTION OF CULTURAL MEMORY: THE THEFT AND RETURN OF ARTWORKS STOLEN DURING THE HOLOCAUST, co-presented by Vedder Price, with Dr. Patty Gerstenblith, Distinguished Research Professor at DePaul University

THE EVOLUTION OF GENOCIDE AND MASS ATROCITY PREVENTION, at Greenberg Traurig, LLP, with Dr. Scott Straus, Distinguished Achievement Professor at University of Wisconsin, Madison

BEYOND NUREMBERG: EUROPE ON TRIAL at Perkins Coie LLP, with Vanda Rajcan, Gunzenberger-Reichman Family Fellow at the Museum’s Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies
Recognizing that this year is unlike any other, we have a special matching gift to maximize your impact to the Museum. Given the urgent needs, we hope you will consider stretching your giving. Increased gifts will be matched dollar for dollar and consistency counts, too. Gifts maintained from 2019 to 2020 will be matched $0.50 on the dollar.

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