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MEMOIRS FROM THE FIRE

Acts of Salvage by a Holocaust
Survivor, a Scholar, and a Collector

Thursday, January 27th

2 - 4 PM (EST)

Event presented online via
Zoom.

A Panel Discussion Featuring:

Judy Cohen

Alain Goldschläger

Na'ama Shik

Moderated by: Doris Bergen and Nadav Sharon

***Memoirs from the Fire: Acts of Salvage by a Holocaust Survivor, a Scholar, and a Collector* is the 2022 Annual Wolfe Lecture on the Holocaust**

Over several decades, Professor Alain Goldschläger amassed one of the world's largest and most diverse collections of Holocaust memoirs, with over 3500 volumes in nearly thirty languages from forty-four countries from all the populated continents on the globe, and he has recently donated that collection to the Fisher Library.

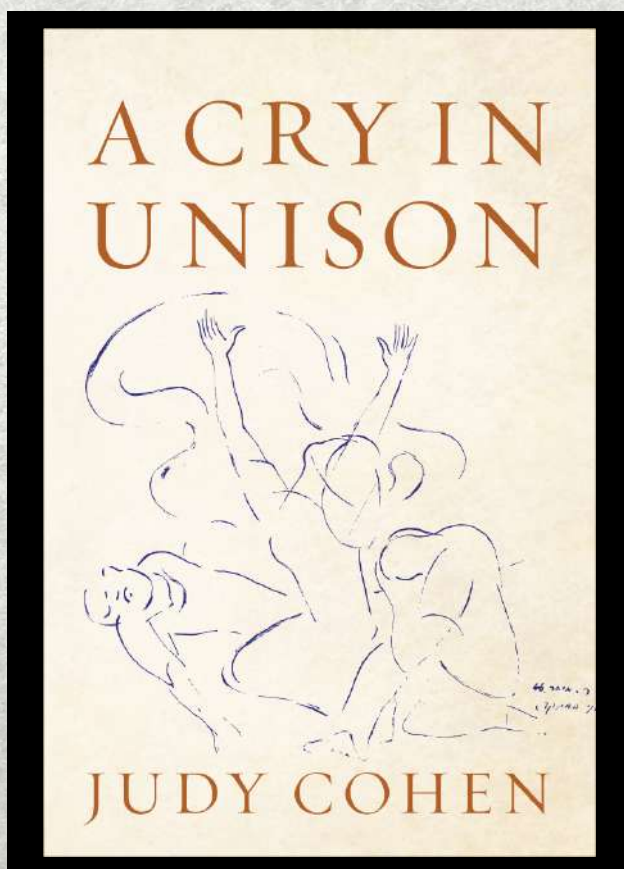
Our panel, marking International Holocaust Remembrance Day, will explore the significance of Holocaust memoirs in the ongoing study and commemoration of the Shoah.

Welcome by Larry P. Alford
University Chief Librarian, University of Toronto

PANELISTS

Judy Cohen

Judy Weissenberg Cohen is an educator and human rights activist originally from Debrecen, Hungary. She survived the Holocaust as a teenager. Judy Cohen is the founder of the website, *Women and the Holocaust- a Cyberspace of Their Own*, which has brought her work on gender and the Holocaust to the attention of people throughout the world for over twenty years. You can access it here: <https://theverylongview.com/WATH/>. Her captivating memoir, *A Cry in Unison*, was published by the Azrieli Foundation in 2020 and highlights her refusal to be silenced in the face of injustice.



Dr. Alain Goldschläger

Dr. Alain Goldschläger was born in Brussels in 1946 and studied at the Université Libre de Bruxelles and the University of Toronto (PhD). He is currently Professor Emeritus of French literature at the University of Western Ontario. His 22nd book, *Comment lire les témoignages de la Shoah?*, is coming out next month in Belgium. Amongst his publications closely connected to Jewish subjects: *Les Témoignages écrits de la Shoah*; *L'Imaginaire juif*; *La Shoah: témoignage impossible*; *Franco-Maçons et Juifs- suppôts d'un complot universel?*; *L'Antisémitisme après la Shoah*; *The Conspiracy Revealed: Jews Freemasons Illuminati*; *Simone Weil et Spinoza*. He was Chair of the Canadian Task Force on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research, Official Canadian delegate to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and Chair of the IHRA Academic Working Group as well as official delegate to the Holocaust Era Assets Conference. He was National Director of the Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges and President of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith (<https://www.bnaibrith.ca>). A past president of the Canadian Comparative Literature Association and member of the Canadian commission for UNESCO, he participates on the jury of the Canadian Jewish Literary Awards. He established the Holocaust Literature Research Institute at U.W.O and is a Knight in the Order of Academic Palms (France).

Dr. Na'ama Shik

Dr. Na'ama Shik is a researcher, lecturer, and director of the online learning department at the International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem. She is the author of many articles on the subject of women in the Holocaust, women in Auschwitz, and Holocaust testimonies. Her book *Jewish Women in Auschwitz-Birkenau 1942-1945*, winner of the Goldberg Prize of the Open University for original, innovative, and interesting manuscripts for researchers and the general educated public, will be published in 2022.

The graphic features a portrait of a young woman with a headscarf on the left. The right side has a dark blue background with white and light blue text. At the top right, it says 'International Holocaust Remembrance Day'. The main title is 'Spots of Light - Women in the Holocaust', followed by 'an online "Yad Vashem" exhibition and lecture by Dr. Naama Shik'. The bottom of the graphic contains logos for Yad Vashem, the Consulate General to the Pacific Northwest, Jewish Family and Children's Services, and a small thumbnail of the exhibition.

Spots of Light - Women in the Holocaust, an International Holocaust Remembrance Day exhibition and lecture given by Dr. Shik. You can access the exhibition here <https://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/exhibitions/women-in-the-holocaust/index.asp>.


MODERATORS

Dr. Doris Bergen

Doris Bergen is the Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Professor of Holocaust Studies in the Department of History and the Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto. She is the author, editor, or co-editor of five books, including *War and Genocide: A Concise History of the Holocaust* (3rd edition 2016). Her new book, *Between God and Hitler: Military Chaplains in Nazi Germany*, is coming out soon with Cambridge University Press. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Bergen was part of the team that designed the National Holocaust Monument in Ottawa. She served for many years on the Academic Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC.

Dr. Nadav Sharon

Nadav Sharon holds a PhD in the history of the Jewish people in the Second Temple period from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem (2013). His PhD dissertation focused on the end of the Hasmonean state and the beginning of Roman rule in Judea (67–37 BCE), and a revised version of it was published as a book by the Society of Biblical Literature in 2017, and he has published several academic studies in the field of Second Temple Judaism. Following a number of postdoctoral positions, including one at the University of Toronto, he earned a Master of Information degree from the Faculty of Information at the University of Toronto (2019), and, as of January 2020, serves as Judaica Librarian at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library of the University of Toronto and Jewish Studies selector for the University's Central Libraries.



This event is co-sponsored by the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, the Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Chair of Holocaust Studies, and the Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies.

