

**37<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches**  
**March 11-13, 2007**  
**Cleveland Downtown Marriott at Key Center**  
**Cleveland, Ohio**

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## **Program Schedule**

(Updated 2-26-2007)

All events are held on the second floor of the Marriott, unless otherwise noted.

### **Saturday, March 10: Pre-conference Activities**

4:00 – 9:00 pm Conference Registration Main Lobby  
6:00 – 9:00 pm Light Refreshments Main Lobby  
7:30 – 9:00 pm Film Screening Concierge Lounge, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor  
***Nicholas Winton--The Power of Good*** (64 minutes/not rated). A film by Matej Minac. Gelman Educational Foundation (powerofgood.net).  
Moderators: Dr. Miriam Klein Kassenoff, University of Miami at Coral Gables and Dr. Elisabeth Maxwell, Remembering for the Future

In 1939 shortly before the Nazi invasion of Czechoslovakia, Nicholas Winton personally saved the lives of 669 children, most of them Jewish. Winton brought the children to Britain and kept it a secret for nearly 50 years. In 2002, Winton was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. Winton, now age 97, is a compelling symbol of how one person truly can make a difference.

### **Sunday, March 11: Conference Day I**

7:30 – 9:30 am Breakfast Buffet East Foyer  
8:00 – 8:00 pm Conference Registration 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
8:30 – 9:30 am Executive Committee/Organizational Meeting (Private Meeting), Ontario Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm Book Exhibit and Sale 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Case Western Reserve University Bookstore  
10:00 – 10:25 am **Opening and Invocation** Salon D-E  
Chair: Peter J. Haas, Case Western Reserve University  
Invocation: Rev. Joseph Hilinski, Director, Interfaith Commission, Archdioceses of Cleveland  
Welcoming Remarks: Cyrus C. Taylor, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Case Western Reserve University  
Greetings: Marcia Sachs Littell, The Richard Stockton of New Jersey and  
ASC Executive Director  
Comments: Peter J. Haas, Samuel Rosenthal Center for Judaic Studies, Case Western Reserve University and 2007 ASC Program Host

10:30 am – 1:00 pm **Plenary Session, with Lunch**

Salon D-E

Chair: Peter J. Haas, Director, Samuel Rosenthal Center for Judaic Studies, Case Western Reserve University and Conference Host 2007

10:30 – 11:30 am Invited address: "Neighbors"

**Jan T. Gross**, Princeton University

Introduction by: Peter J. Haas

11:30 – 12:00 pm Buffet Lunch, available in Hallway; participants to bring plates into Salon D-E.

12:00 – 1:00 pm Invited address: "Neighbors Respond"

**Joanna B. Michlic**, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey,

Introduction by: Marcia Sachs Littell

**Breakout Sessions**1:15 – 2:45pm **Papers: Teaching the Holocaust**

Salon B-C

Chair: Nancy Fox, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia

1:15 pm Norma S. Blecker, Stockton College; Gail Herring Stanger, Philadelphia Center on Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights; John Quinn, Stockton College, "The Effect of Situated Learning on Holocaust Educators"

1:35 pm Rosalie H. Franks, Roger Williams University (Bristol, RI), "The Evolving Self: How Studying the Holocaust Affects Teachers"

2:00 pm Deborah Chad and Mary Johnson, Facing History and Ourselves, "Nuremberg Remembered, Five Lesson Plans"

2:20 pm Terumi Rafferty-Osaki, Edison, NJ, "Imagination, Children's Art, and Genocide: Commonalities found in Children's artwork from Terezin, Bosnia, Rwanda, and East Timor"

1:15 – 2:20 pm **Panel: Polish Anti-Semitism: Compiling and Combating Misperceptions**

Salon A

Chair and Discussant: John Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union

Panel organizer: Robert Cherry, Brooklyn College, "Measuring Anti-Polish Biases among Holocaust Teachers"

Mieczyslaw Biskupski, Central Connecticut State University, "Poland and the Poles in the Cinematic Portrayal of the Holocaust"

Natalia Aleksion, Touro College, "Polish Historians Respond to Jedwabne"

Carolyn Slutsky, Brooklyn, NY, "March of the Living: Combating Anti-Polish Stereotypes"

2:20 – 2:30 pm **Coffee Break**, West Foyer

**Breakout Sessions:**2:35 – 3:35 pm **Educational Issues**,

Salon A

Chair: Larry D. Wilcox, University of Toledo

2:35 Nancy Ellen Rupprecht, Middle Tennessee State University, "To Despoil a Generation: Guilt beyond the Nuremberg Indictment"

2:55 James Waller, Whitworth University, "Deliver us from Evil: The Public Role of Indigenous Religious Institutions in Genocidal Violence"

3:15 Tess Wise, Holocaust Resource and Education Center of Central Florida and Marcia Sachs Littell, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, "Polish Teachers Mandated to Teach About the Holocaust: A Joint Presentation"

2:40 – 4:00 pm **Panel: Scholars Confront the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict**

Salon B-C

Panel Organizer: Leonard Grob, Fairleigh Dickinson University

Rachel N. Baum, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, "After the Peace: The Moral Responsibility of Survival"

Margaret Brearley, University College, London, "The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Illusions versus Realities"

Leonard Grob, "Forgetting' the Holocaust: Ethical Dimensions of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict"

Peter J. Haas, Samuel Rosenthal Center, Case Western Reserve University, "Moral Visions in Conflict: Israeli and Palestinian Ethics"

Henry F. Knight, Council for Holocaust Education, Tulsa, "Beyond Conquest"

Hubert G. Locke, University of Washington, "The Holocaust, Israel and the Future of Jewish-Christian Relations"

David Patterson, University of Memphis, "The Holiness of the Holy Land: Toward an Understanding of what is at Stake in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict"

4:00 – 5:20 pm **Papers: Implications for the World Today**

Salon B-C

Chair: Alan Levenson, Laura and Alvin Siegal College of Judaic Studies

4:00 Samuel Edelman, University of Judaism, Los Angeles, "Anti-Semitism's Legacy: Public Policy Decision Making Based on Myth and Fantasy in the Arab-Islamic World"

4:20 Shimon Samuels, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Paris, "The Antisemitism-Terrorism Nexus: The Joy of Hate"

4:40 Mark Weitzman, Simon Wiesenthal Center, New York, "Holocaust Denial in Light of the Tehran Conference"

5:00 Israel W. Charny, International Association of Genocide Scholars, "A World wide Campaign for Life: From Holocaust to Contemporary Genocidal Terrorism"

5:30 – 7:30 pm **Reception and Dinner**

Salon D-E

Open to the public: \$55.00 (MasterCard/Visa accepted; reservations required 216/368-8961)

Sponsored by the Samuel Rosenthal Center for Judaic Studies, Case Western Reserve University

Chair: Peter J. Haas, Director, Samuel Rosenthal Center and Conference Host

Invited Presentation:

"Hanging by a Thread: Reflections on Being a Jew in the Holocaust".

**David Silberklang**, Case Western Reserve University and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Yad Vashem

5:30 reception

6:00 dinner

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## Breakout Sessions

7:15 – 8:30 pm **New Approaches in Teaching the Holocaust**

Salon B-C

*This session is free and open to the public*

Chair and Discussant: David Silberklang

7:20 Leatrice B. Rabinsky, Siegal College of Judaic Studies, "Reaching Students and Students Reaching Out"

7:40 Karen Spector, Cleveland State University, "The Possibilities of Parallel Narratives"

8:00 Questions and Discussion

7:15 – 8:00 pm **Papers**

Salon A

Chair: Judith Neulander, Case Western Reserve University

*This session is free and open to the public*

7:15 Steven Baum, Mercy Memorial Hospital, Monroe, MI and Gail Stanger, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, "Anti-Semitic Fairy Tales"

7:35 Jane Clements, University of London, "The Specificity of Anti-Semitism: Holocaust Education in the Context of European Identities"

8:30 – 9:45 pm **Panel: S.L. Shneiderman's Early Contributions:**

**New Books on Women and the Holocaust**

Salon A

*This session is free and open to the public*

Panel Organizer: Susan L. Pentlin, Central Missouri State University

Chair: Sonja Hedgepeth, Pennsylvania State University

8:30 Susan Pentlin, "Mary Berg: An Historical Document"

8:50 Rochelle Saidel, Remembering the Women Institute, New York, "Fiorello's Sister: Gemma LaGuardia Gluck's Story"

9:10 Ben Shneiderman, University of Maryland at College Park, "My Father's Quest to tell Holocaust Stories"

9:30 Discussion

9:45 **Book Signing**

East Foyer

"The Diary of Mary Berg: Growing up in the Warsaw Ghetto", Susan L. Pentlin, Central Missouri State University

## Monday, March 12: Conference Day II

7:30 am – 9:30 am Breakfast Buffet

East Foyer

7:30 am – 8:30 am **Midrash Group**

Huron Room

Participants are welcome to bring breakfast plates to session.

"Law and Gospel: Re-thinking Texts in the Light of Reflections on Nuremberg—Romans 3 and Deuteronomy 30"

James F. Moore, Valparaiso University

Zev Garber, Los Angeles Valley College

Steven Jacobs, University of Alabama

Henry F. Knight, Council for Holocaust Education, Tulsa

8:00 – 11:30 am Conference Registration

Registration Area, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**Breakout Sessions**8:30 – 10:00 am **Papers: Victims, Survivors, Liberators**

Salon B-C

Session chair: Eva Kahana

- 8:30 Eva Kahana, Case Western Reserve University and Boaz Kahana, Cleveland State University, "Contributions of Survivor Perspectives to Collective Memory of the Holocaust"
- 8:52 Tomas Radil, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, "The Shoah and the Phenomenon of Individual Historical Presence"
- 9:12 James E. McNutt, Thomas More College, KY, "My Brother's Keeper? Adolf Schlatter and His Fellow Christians Named Spiro"
- 9:35 Helen Segall, Dickinson College, "The Nuremberg Trials and I: A Survivor's Perspective 60 Years Later"

8:30 – 10:00 am **Papers: Legacies of the World Jewish Congress and U.S. Involvement in Trials** Salon F-G

Chair: Randolph Jackson, Independent Scholar and Writer; former Publisher/Editor of The North American Forum.

- 8:30 Boaz Cohen, Bar Ilan University, "Observers or Partners? The World Jewish Congress and the Nuremberg Trials"
- 8:52 Zohar Segev, University of Haifa, "Between Activism and Restraint: The World Jewish Congress, the Nuremberg Trials, Rescue and Public Struggle"
- 9:12 Harry M. Rhea, LaSalle University, "Precursors to Nuremberg: A Change of Heart in United States' Policy Regarding International Justice"
- 9:35 Hilary Earl, Nipissing University, Ontario, Canada, "The Nuremberg *Einsatzgruppen* Trial in Historical Perspective"

10:00 – 10:15 am **Coffee Break** East and West Foyers10:15 – 11:30 am **Papers: Victims, Survivors, Liberators (Cont'd.)**

Salon B-C

Chair: Jack Nusan Porter, Roxbury Community College and Spencer School of Real Estate

- 10:15 Miriam Klein Kassenoff, University of Miami, "Escape from the Nazis: A Child Survivor Grows up in Cleveland"
- 10:40 Marty J. Kalb, Ohio Wesleyan University, "Holocaust Portraits: Victims, Perpetrators, Witnesses"
- 11:05 Paul R. Bartrop, Bialik College, Victoria, Australia, "This is not how I intended it!" Liberation, Testimony, and Reflections by Survivors of the Nazi Concentration Camps"

10:15 – 11:55 am **Papers: Nuremberg History**

Salon F-G

Chair: Alan Roche, Case Western Reserve University

- 10:15 Elizabeth Harrington Lambert, Indiana University-Bloomington, "Layers of the Past: Twentieth Century Narratives of Memory in Nuremberg"
- 10:40 Shelly Z. Shapiro, Holocaust Survivors and Friends Education Center, New York, "The Last Hope for Justice"
- 11:00 Yitzchak Kerem, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece, "Moral Dilemmas of Sephardic Leaders in the Holocaust"
- 11:25 Charles R. Clarke, Moore Community College, NY, "Lost Childhoods: A Dialogue between Child Survivors of the Holocaust and Sudanese Genocide"

11:30 am – 1:30 pm **Book Exhibit and Sale**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Case Western Reserve University Bookstore

12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lunch**

Salon D-E

Buffet available in hallway; participants to bring plates into Salon.

Chair: Peter J. Haas, Director, Samuel Rosenthal Center and Conference Chairperson and Host

Invited Speaker:

**Michael P. Scharf**Case Western Reserve University School of Law  
"Nuremberg Trials—Lessons for Today"**Breakout Sessions**1:15 – 2:15 pm **Papers: Holocaust History**

Salon F-G

Chair: Elisabeth Maxwell, Remembering for the Future

- 1:15 Stephanie McMahon Kaye, Yad Vashem, "Echoes and Reflections: An Introduction"
- 1:35 John Gerdtz, Saint Mary's College of California, "Acceptable and Unacceptable Disabilities in the Nazi Aktion T-4 Euthanasia Program"
- 1:55 Elisabeth Maxwell, Remembering for the Future, "Survivors' Testimony Project"

1:15 – 3:00 pm **Papers: Holocaust European Studies**

Salon B-C

Chair: Kenneth Ledford, Case Western Reserve University

1:15 Lauren E. Littman, John Carroll University, Cleveland, "West Germany in 1952: Strategic Memory, Selective Forgetting, and Victimization"

1:40 Henry Gonshak, Montana Tech-University of Montana, "Does *Judgement at Nuremberg* Accurately Depict the Nazi War Crimes Trial?"

2:05 Ilya Altman, Russian Research and Educational Holocaust Center, Moscow, "Holocaust in USSR at Nuremberg Trial"

2:30 David Poltorak, Institute of Contents and Methods of Education, Moscow, "Nuremberg Warns"

2:15 – 3:15 pm **Panel: A Historian, a Sociologist, and a Philosopher reflect on Survivor Testimony**

Salon F-G

Chair: H. Martin Rumscheidt, Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, NS

Panel Organizer: C. Paul Vincent, Keene State College, NH

Sander Lee, Keene State College

Therese Seibert, Keene State College

3:15 – 3:30 pm **Coffee Break**

East and West Foyers

3:30 – 5:00 pm **Plenary Session**

Salon B-C

Chair and Discussant: Michael Berenbaum, University of Judaism, Los Angeles

3:30 **Michael Berenbaum**, Introduction3:35 **Richard L. Rubenstein**, University of Bridgeport

"The Holocaust and Its Aftermath in the Thought of Hannah Arendt"

4:00 **Michael D. Ryan**, Drew University

"How Hitler Co-opted the Churches and Led the German People to War"

4:25 **H. Martin Rumscheidt**, Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, NS

"Failing the Promise of Nuremberg, or How the Germans' Inability to Mourn Blocked Reconciliation"

4:50 **Michael Berenbaum**, Discussion4:30 – 5:30 pm **Book Exhibit and Sale**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Case Western Reserve University Bookstore

## 5:00 – 5:30 pm Open Time

5:15 – 7:15 pm **Reception and Banquet**

Salon D-E

Moderator: Henry F. Knight, Council for Holocaust Education, Tulsa

5:30 Reception

5:45 Invited Speaker:

**Robert A. Warren**, Independent Scholar

"Charlotte, A Holocaust Memoir: Remembering Theresienstadt, as Shared with Robert A. Warren". In memory of Charlotte Guthmann Opfermann"

6:00 Dinner

Invocation: Rabbi Richard Libowitz, Department of Theology, Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia)

Guest speaker: John S. Conway, University of British Columbia

In recognition of distinguished lifetime service of Annual Scholars Conference Co-Founders, Franklin H. Littell and Hubert G. Locke

**Breakout Sessions**7:30 – 8:30 pm **Session: Children in the Camps,**

Salon B-C

*This session is free and open to the public*

Chair: Jill E. Korbin, Case Western Reserve University

7:30 Claude Romney, University of Calgary, "Crushed Spring Flowers: Children in Auschwitz as seen by Prisoner Doctors"

7:50 Kenneth Waltzer, Michigan State University, "Kevno Boys: A Story of Survival at Auschwitz, Buchenwald, and Mauthausen"

8:10 Aiko Sawada, Siebold University of Nagasaki, Japan, "Nurses and Mentality of Complicities in the Nazi T4 Program"

8:30 – 9:30 pm **Panel: Health Care and Health Care Providers**

Salon B-C

*This session is free and open to the public*

Panel Organizer: Mary D. Lagewey, Western Michigan University

Darlene (Cheyenne) Martin, University of Texas School of Nursing at Galveston, "Taking a Moral Stand: Testimonies of Prisoner Nurses and Physicians in Nazi Trials"

Donal O'Mathuna, Dublin City University, Ireland, "Human Dignity and the Holocaust: Implications of Replacing a Judeo-Christian View with a Social Darwinist View"  
 Mary D. Lagewey, Western Michigan University

7:30 – 7:55 pm **Storytelling**

Salon F-G

*This session is free and open to the public*

Chair: Peter J. Haas, Samuel Rosenthal Center for Judaic Studies, Case Western Reserve University

Ann Weiss, Eyes from the Ashes Foundation, "What do we do When the Last Survivor is Gone? Or, Narratives and Photos in Personalizing the Holocaust"

8:00 – 9:30 pm **Musical Performance and Discussion**

Salon F-G

*This session is free and open to the public*

Introduction: Peter J. Haas, Samuel Rosenthal Center for Judaic Studies, Case Western Reserve University

**"The Undying Flame: Ballads and Songs of the Holocaust"**

**Jerry Silverman**

## Tuesday, March 13: Conference Day III

7:30 – 9:30 am **Breakfast Buffet**

East Foyer

8:30 – 9:00 am **Papers: Tolerance and Reconciliation**

Salon B-C

Chair: James Patrick Kelley, Sewanee, TN

8:30 Terrance L. Furin, Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, "Encountering Unlearned Lessons from Nuremberg: Building Capacity for Tolerance in a Public School District Dominated by Narrow Christian Fundamentalists Values"

8:45 Haim Genizi, Bar Ilan University, "Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto"

9:00 – 10:00 am **Plenary Session**

Salon B-C

Moderator: Hubert G. Locke, University of Washington

Joint Presentation by

Abraham Peck, University of Southern Maine

H. Martin Rumscheidt, Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, NS

10:00 – 10:15 am **Coffee Break**

East Foyer

10:15 – 11:40 am **Papers**

Salon B-C

Chair: Sean Martin, Jewish Archives, Western Reserve Historical Society and Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage

10:15 John S. Conway, University of British Columbia, "Missions to Israel"

10:35 James Patrick Kelley, Sewanee, TN, "Concretion in Religious Discourse: Some Resources from Emmanuel Levinas and Dietrich Bonhoeffer for post Shoah Jewish-Christian Theological and Ethical Discourse"

10: 55 Robert A. Ventresca, King's University College, University of Western Ontario, "Jacques Maritain and the Jewish Question: Theology, Identity and Politics"

11:15 Sebastian Rejak, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Poland, "In Search for a New Conservative Ethics: Dilemmas of Post-Holocaust Western Civilization"

11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Lunch and Panel**

Salon D-E (Lunch available in hallway)

**Where Do We Go from Here? Closing Reflections**

1:00 pm **Conference concludes**