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for Humanity, Tolerance
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The Sandra R. Berman Center for Humanity, Tolerance and Holocaust Education aims to collaborate with Maryland educators to advance Holocaust education and empower future generations. The center promotes education on humanity, tolerance and the Holocaust to highlight the dangers of bigotry and intolerance.



Through educational programs and commemorative events, the center focuses on helping future generations understand the repercussions of intolerance while promoting empathy, tolerance and social responsibility to build a better world.



Among NEIGHBORS

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

“Among Neighbors”

LA 4110 | 6 – 8:15 p.m.

In collaboration with 3G — Film Screening and Discussion

The JFCS Holocaust Center, in partnership with the USC Shoah Foundation, presents *Among Neighbors*—an award-winning documentary with an educator’s guide to enrich Holocaust education. Using evocative hand-drawn animation, the film tells the story of a rural town where peace between Jewish and Polish neighbors was shattered by World War II, featuring two voices: one of the last living survivors and an eyewitness to postwar atrocities.

“Among Neighbors” has received international acclaim, including:

Special Award: Warsaw Jewish Film Festival

Audience Award: Best Documentary Feature – San Francisco Independent Film Festival

Audience Award: Berkshire International Film Festival

Jewish Film Institute’s Envision Award: Honoring films that combat antisemitism

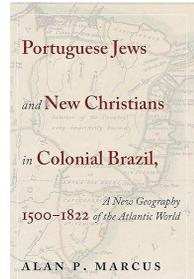
FEBRUARY 23, 2026

Lecture & Book Signing with Professor Alan Marcus

LA 4110 | 6 – 7:45 p.m.

Lecture Title: Portuguese Jews and New Christians in Colonial Brazil, 1500–1822: A New Geography of the Atlantic World

About the Speaker: Dr. Alan P. Marcus is a historical geographer and professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Planning at Towson University. He is the author of *Confederate Exodus* and *Portuguese Jews and New Christians in Colonial Brazil, 1500–1822: A New Geography of the Atlantic World*.



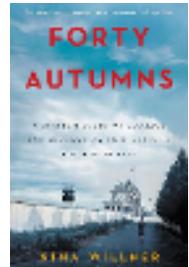
MARCH 9, 2026

Award Winning Author: Nina Willner

LA 4310 | 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Book Discussion 1: *Forty Autumns: A Family's Story of Courage and Survival on Both Sides of the Berlin Wall*

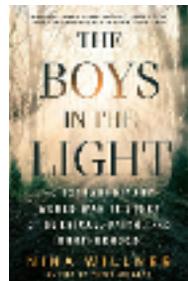
Lessons from the Cold War: The human cost of authoritarianism, resilience in the face of oppression, and the unbreakable drive to be free.

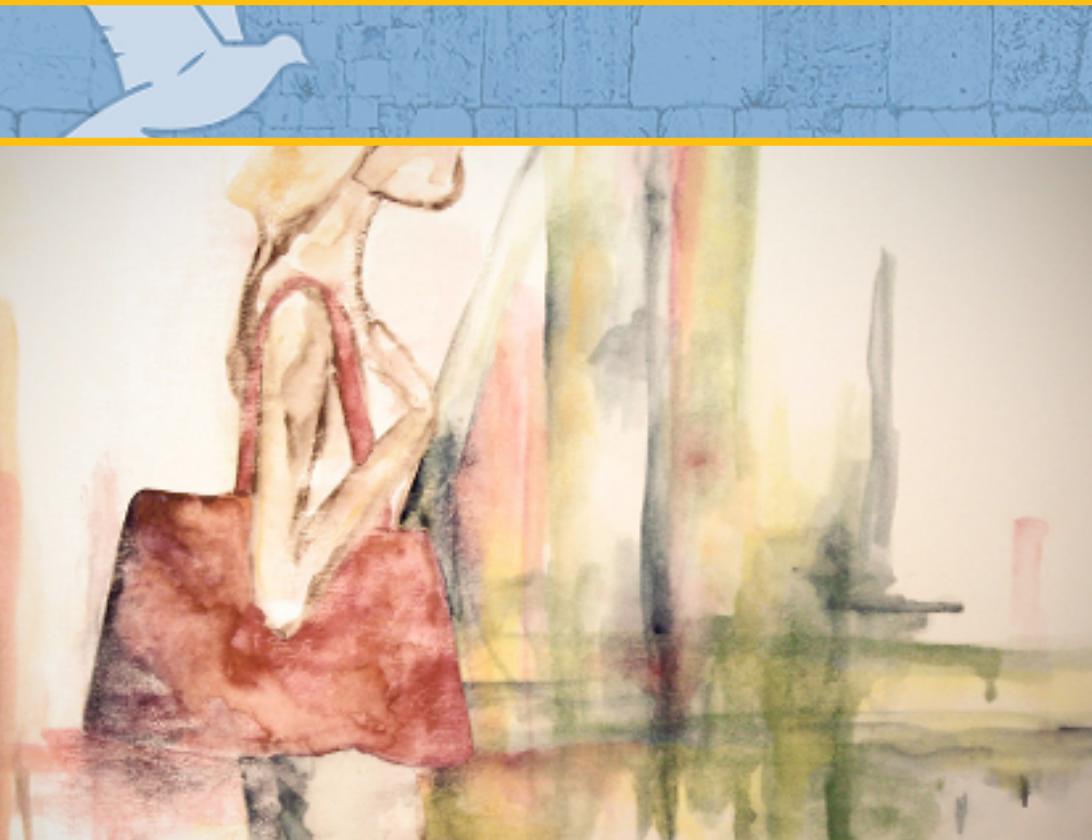


LA 4310 | 5:15 – 7 p.m.

Book Discussion 2: *The Boys in the Light: An Extraordinary World War II Story of Survival, Faith and Brotherhood*

Amazon Editors' #3 Best Book of the Year. The rise of fascism, how America and the world united to defeat hatred and extremism, the power of compassion, and lessons for today.





MARCH 23, 2026

Finding Meaning Through Art Making: The Art of the Holocaust

LA 4310 | 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Dr. Elizabeth Hlavek, DAT, LCPAT, ATR-BC

Despite the dehumanizing conditions of Nazi camps and ghettos, many victims resisted through art. Over 40,000 pieces of victim art—drawings, paintings, and sculptures—were created clandestinely and often under threat of death, this art reflects the resilience and spiritual survival of its creators.

This workshop explores Holocaust art as a form of resistance, featuring historical works, survivor insights, and opportunities for participants to create their own reflective art pieces.

APRIL 14, 2026

Holocaust Memorial Day Programs

**Speaker: Dr. Lauren Granite,
U.S. Program Director of Centropa**



**Session 1: Kindertransport Stories
from the Centropa Archive**

LA 4310 | 2 – 3:15 p.m.

In November 1938, Nazi pogroms across Germany, Austria, and the Czech lands—known as Kristallnacht—led to the arrest of thousands of Jews. In response, Britain allowed Jewish children under 17 to enter the country, rescuing nearly 10,000 through the Kindertransport between 1938 and 1940.

This session features Centropa’s oral history project, showcasing interviews, films, and podcasts that share the testimonies of over 1,200 elderly Jews from Central and Eastern Europe.

Session 2: Sephardic Jews in the Balkans

LA 4310 | Time: 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Sephardic Jews—descendants of those expelled from Spain—lived in Southeast Europe for centuries before being nearly annihilated during the Holocaust. From 2000–2009, Centropa interviewed elderly Sephardic Jews and digitized their family photos to preserve these histories.

This session explores Sephardic life before, during, and after the war, culminating in *Survival in Sarajevo*—the story of survivors and their children who opened their synagogue during the 1990s Bosnian War to shelter and work alongside Muslims, Croats, and Serbs in a shared act of humanity.



GET INVOLVED

The Berman Center for Humanity, Tolerance and Holocaust Education serves the community with academic programs that promote learning and opportunities to gain broad conceptual knowledge and experience relevant to Holocaust education.

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Contributions to the Sandra R. Berman Center for Humanity, Tolerance and Holocaust Education support current and future educational programming.





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