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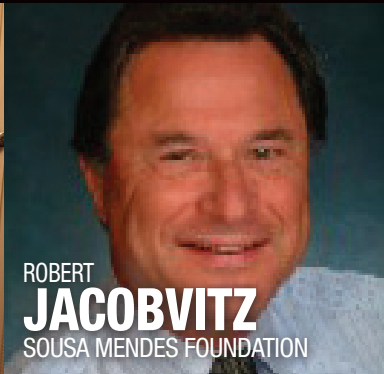
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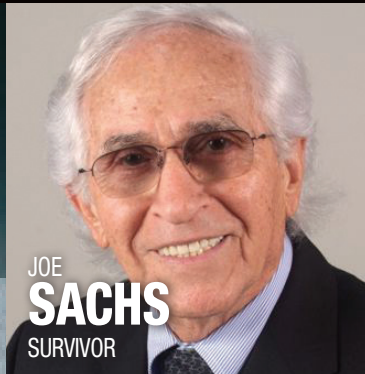
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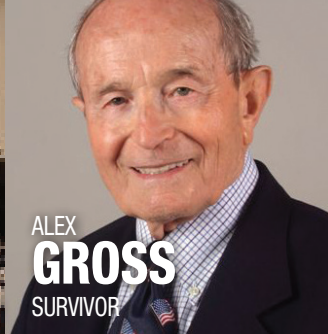


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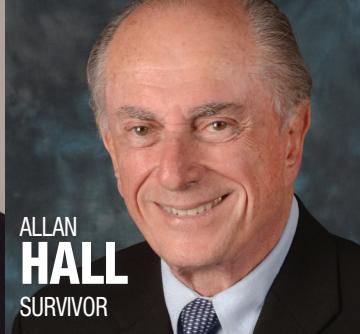
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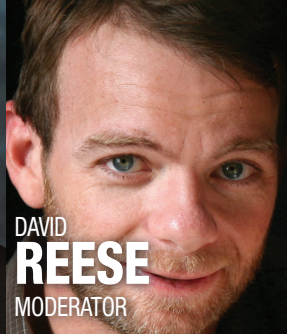
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## Monday, February 23, 7 PM

### *70 Years After Auschwitz: The Rise of Anti-Semitism*

Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center  
20400 NE 30th Ave., Aventura

On January 27, 2015, the 70th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz was commemorated. The last few years have seen a noticeable increase in anti-Semitism, especially in Europe. Is there a connection between fading historical memory of the Holocaust and the rise of anti-Semitism?

*Dr. Robert Jan Van Pelt is a Holocaust scholar and professor at the University of Waterloo, Canada. He is well known for his role as the star witness defending scholar Deborah Lipstadt in the Holocaust denier David Irving libel trial.*

## Tuesday, February 24, 7 PM

Film Series Screening:

### *Disobedience: The Sousa Mendes Story*

(In French with English Subtitles)

With Post-Film Discussion

Beth Torah Benny Rok Campus  
20350 NE 26th Ave., North Miami Beach

One of the great untold stories of World War II, Aristides de Sousa Mendes, the Portuguese General Consul in Bordeaux, France, in defiance of strict orders from his government, issued 30,000 visas to refugees (including 10,000 Jews) fleeing the Germans. Holocaust scholar Yehuda Bauer describes Sousa Mendes' actions as one of the greatest acts of rescue in World War II.

### *In Defiance of Hitler: The Secret Mission of Varian Fry*

## Wednesday, February 25, 7 PM

Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach  
1933-1945 Meridian Ave., Miami Beach

## Thursday, February 26, 9:50 AM

Miami Dade College Kendall Campus, Building 6  
Room 6120 | 11011 SW 104th St., Kendall

## Thursday, February 26, 1:30 PM

Scheck Hillel Community School  
19000 NE 25th Ave., North Miami Beach  
(Hillel students only)

American journalist Varian Fry was sent to Vichy, France, in 1940 by the Emergency Rescue

## Friday, February 27, 9:30 AM

Miami Beach Senior High School  
2231 Prairie Ave., Miami Beach  
(10th-, 11th- and 12th- grade students only)

Students will spend the morning with two Holocaust survivors, **Alex Gross** and **Allan Hall**, volunteers at the Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach who will share their first-hand experiences. Through meaningful conversation with the survivors, students will get insight into the World War II years and how these survivors forged new lives in a new country.

Moderator **David Reese** is a language arts teacher in his 15th year with Miami-Dade Public Schools.

**Tuesday, February 24, 11:15 AM**  
**Surviving Mengele and the  
Holocaust: Leah's Journey to  
Freedom**

Miami Dade College – Homestead Campus  
Building F, Room F222 | 500 College Terrace  
Homestead

Czechoslovakian teenager Leah Cik Roth survived four concentration camps, Mengele's selections, her release from inside a gas chamber, and a death march. In anticipation of her upcoming memoir, *My Eyes Looking Back at Me: Insight into a Survivor's Soul*, Leah will speak about her personal experiences.

*Leah Cik Roth is retired and lives in Aventura, Florida.*

## HOLD THE DATE

for the community-wide  
Yom HaShoah commemoration on  
April 12, 2015 at 6:00 PM  
at the  
Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach.

Post-film discussion moderator **Robert Jacobvitz** has championed the cause of Aristides de Sousa Mendes since the 1980s and is the Florida representative of the Sousa Mendes Foundation.

**Wednesday, February 25, 2 PM**

Film Series Screening:

**One Survivor Remembers: the  
Gerda Weissman Klein Story**

With Post-Film Discussion and Survivor Panel  
Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach  
1933-1945 Meridian Ave., Miami Beach

Gerda Weissman Klein survived six years of Nazi rule including a 350-mile death march, weighing only 68 pounds on the day of her liberation. Her inspiring story of survival is one of courage and perseverance.

Post-film discussion and panel with Holocaust survivors **Joe Sachs** and **Fred Mulbauer**, moderated by **Dr. Miriam Klein Kassenoff**, Chairperson of Holocaust Education Committee.

Committee, a private American relief organization. During his 13 months there, he ran a clandestine escape network which succeeded in rescuing 4,000 prominent Jews and non-Jews. He is one of only three Americans to be awarded Yad Vashem's Righteous Among the Nations honor.

*Carla McClafferty is a freelance writer and speaker. She is the author of In Defiance of Hitler: The Secret Mission of Varion Fry, as well as other non-fiction books about historical figures.*

**Thursday, February 26, 7 PM**

**Building Miami Beach: The  
Impact of Holocaust Survivors**

Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach  
1933-1945 Meridian Ave., Miami Beach

The history of Miami Beach wouldn't be the same without the contributions of the Holocaust survivors who came here after World War II to rebuild their lives. Their impact on the landscape, culture and prosperity of Miami Beach cannot be underestimated, including the behind-the-scenes stories of the creation of the Holocaust Memorial.

Panel discussion led by Rabbi Solomon Schiff

*Rabbi Schiff is Immediate Past Chair of the Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach. This program is part of the 100 years of Miami Beach Celebration.*

Holocaust Education Week is a community-wide program of the Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach, a Committee of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation.

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to the public.**

For more information, contact  
the Holocaust Memorial  
Miami Beach at 305.538.1663 or  
[holocaustmemorialmiamibeach.org](http://holocaustmemorialmiamibeach.org).



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