

DALLAS HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUM

SPEAKERS BUREAU

The Speakers Bureau offers unique insights into history for audiences at the Museum or your preferred location. Their powerful stories highlight accounts of the Holocaust and other genocides, and U.S. civil rights. Recommended for grades 6 to adults. See below for speaker bios and click the link to request a speaker.

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Magie Furst HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

Magie Furst was born in Astheim, Germany in 1929. In 1938, her mother planned for the family to escape to England by obtaining a visa for herself and securing spots for Furst and her brother on the Kindertransport, a rescue mission that allowed thousands of Jewish children to live with British citizens.



Paul Kessler HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

Paul Kessler was born in Vranov Nad Toplou, Slovakia in 1939. After his father was captured by the Nazis in 1944, he and his family escaped the village and sheltered until they were again forced to flee. Kessler and his mother hid in a neighbor's field covered with dirt, grass, leaves, and manure for approximately eight months. He was the only Jewish child in his village to survive the war.

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Andras Lacko

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

Andras Lacko was born in Budapest, Hungary in 1936. In a twist of fate, Lacko contracted scarlet fever in 1944 which saved him from ghettoization and subsequent deportation to Poland. He survived the Holocaust in a military hospital and was later reunited with his mother and father after the Soviet liberation of Budapest.



Dale Long

16TH STREET CHURCH BOMBING SURVIVOR

Dale Long was born in Tuskegee, Alabama and grew up in segregated Birmingham, Alabama. There, he regularly attended the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. He was at the church on September 15, 1963, when it was bombed by white supremacists. The bombing killed four of his friends and injured 27 others.



Patricia Perez

AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS SPEAKER

Patricia Perez moved to Dallas in 1965 with her brother and began working with Juanita Craft and the South Dallas NAACP Youth Council. She graduated from high school in 1971 and attended North Texas State University, now the University of North Texas. Perez is a co-founder of the steering committee that renovated and reopened the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House and Museum in 2023.

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Hanna Schrob

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

Hanna Schrob was born in 1936 in Maastricht, Holland. After the Nazis invaded Holland, Schrob and her family were arrested by the Gestapo and deported to Westerbork Transit Camp where they were held for six months. After transfer to other camps in Western Europe, Schrob and her family were liberated by the U.S. Army in France in late 1944.



Rosian Zerner

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

Rosian Zerner was born in Kaunas (Kovno), Lithuania, in 1935. When Germany invaded in 1941, Zerner and her family were confined to the Kovno Ghetto. When she was 6, her parents helped her escape through a hole they dug under the ghetto fence. Met by her father's secretary, Zerner was hidden by several rescuers before being liberated by Soviet troops in 1944.

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Julie Meetal Berman

GENERATIONS

Julie Berman is the daughter of survivors Magda and Les Mittelman, z”l. Magda and Les were born in Hungary in 1923 and 1919, respectively. During the war, Les was conscripted into forced labor for the Hungarian army but escaped and joined a resistance group. Magda and her family were ghettoized before being sent to Auschwitz. She was liberated in Germany.



Phillip (Phil) Glauben

GENERATIONS

Phil Glauben is the son of Holocaust survivor Max Glauben, z”l. Born in 1928, Max was 11 when the Nazis invaded Poland. In 1940, he and his family were confined to the Warsaw Ghetto. Max smuggled food and supplies into the ghetto. Deported to Majdanek Death Camp and then to other concentration camps, he was liberated by the U.S. Army.



Mark Jacobs

GENERATIONS

Mark Jacobs is the son of Holocaust survivor Mike Jacobs, z”l. Mike was born in Poland in 1925. In 1939, he and his family were confined to the Ostrowiec Ghetto. His parents, two brothers and two sisters, were murdered at Treblinka Death Camp. Mike survived several camps, including Auschwitz and was liberated from Mauthausen-Gusen II by the U.S. Army in 1945.

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Lisa Kanarek

GENERATIONS

Lisa Kanarek is the daughter of Holocaust survivor Dr. Joseph Kanarek, z”l. Joseph was born in Poland in 1926. He and his family were confined to the Plonsk Ghetto after the Nazi invasion and deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1942. There he worked in forced labor at Buna Concentration Camp. In 1945, Joseph was liberated from Dora-Mittelbau Concentration Camp by the 101st American Army.



Melanie Kuhr Myers

GENERATIONS

Melanie Kuhr Myers is the daughter of Susanne Levy, z”l, and granddaughter of Ruth Levy, z”l, both Holocaust survivors. Susanne and Ruth were born in Germany in 1928 and 1897, respectively. In 1938, Ruth was able to secure a job in England and eventually secured a spot for Susanne on the Kindertransport to join her there, where they were interned for a short time. In 1947, they immigrated to the United States.



Ron Schwarz

GENERATIONS

Ron Schwarz is the son of Holocaust survivor Charles Schwarz, z”l. Charles was born in Germany in 1926. In 1939, his parents sent him to France. During the war he was hidden by the Oeuvre de Secours aux Enfants, a Paris-based Jewish aid organization. Through a very risky border crossing, Charles escaped to Switzerland.

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