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Foremost Holocaust Expert To Speak at Temple Israel

Professor Raul Hilberg, internationally known authority on the Holocaust, will speak about the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising at Temple Israel on Saturday evening, April 10, at 8 p.m. This program commemorates the 50th anniversary of that event.

It is both fitting and proper that Dr. Hilberg be in Charlotte during the holiday of Passover because it was during Pesach, fifty years ago, that a small group of Polish Jews attempted to fight back against their oppressors whose goal was the deliberate and horrific annihilation of European Jews.

As a young resident of Vienna just before the war, Hilberg saw the ascent of the Third Reich, and as a soldier in the U.S. Army from 1944-46, he witnessed its collapse. As a member of the War



Raul Hilberg

Photo by Fred C. Hill

Documentation Project, he examined masses of German records, which gave him the impetus to write his three-volume, *The Destruction of the European*

Jews (1961, 1985) and *Perpetrators, Victims, Bystanders: The Jewish Catastrophe 1933-1945* (1992). The former of these two books is considered by most scholars to be the definitive study of the Nazi Holocaust.

Professor Hilberg received his Ph. D. in Public Law and Government in 1955. He taught at the University of Vermont from 1956 until his retirement in 1991. He is currently Professor Emeritus in Political Science at the University of Vermont. Dr. Hilberg has served as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, has been a witness for the Department of Justice in cases against individuals implicated in the killings, and was interviewed for the Claude Lanzmann classic film on the Holocaust, "SHOAH." Professor Hilberg is currently a member of the President's Commission on the Holocaust. He has lectured throughout the world, and is returning this month from a visit to Australia.

During this upcoming holiday of "giving thanks" for our exodus from Egypt, let us not forget those who were unable to make exodus from Europe prior to World War II, but perished at the hands of their oppressors.

Join us at Temple Israel to hear Raul Hilberg's public presentation on the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and to learn more about how this small band of Warsaw Jews' heroic, yet suicidal, mission of resistance has contributed so much to our dignity during and after this catastrophic period of our history.

This program is sponsored by the Temple Israel Adult Education Committee through the generosity of Temple Israel member, Steve Huyser. For further information, please call Temple Israel, 362-2796.

Volunteers to be Honored at Festive Campaign Closing

The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is sponsoring a campaign closing event scheduled for the evening of Saturday, May 1 at the home of Micky Gold. Gail Kronovet, Campaign Closing chair, and committee members Jack Levinson, Dan Levinson, Phyllis Schiffman, Lora Solomon and Phil Solomon are enthusiastic about what promises to be a fun-filled evening featuring dancing, food and drinks. A special tasting has been graciously donated by **Mama Ricotta's Pasta and Pizza**.

The event will honor our volunteers for their efforts in leading the 1993 Federation Campaign and Continuation of Operation Exodus. We should feel proud in meeting the needs of Jewish human service organizations in Charlotte, Israel and worldwide.

To date, the Charlotte Jewish community has raised over 1.1 million dollars for the 1993 Federation Campaign and continues its efforts to meet the 1.5 million goal. For further information, please call the Federation office, 366-5007.

East Meets West



The White House sent this photo of President Bill Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. They held a press conference at which time they expressed their common objective of turning 1993 into a year of peacemaking in the Middle East. *The CJN* was notified that President Clinton is "always interested in reading the newspapers of choice in Jewish-American communities" and we were asked to put the Office of Media Affairs on our mailing list so they could forward it to the Executive Office.

Infant/Toddler Program Awarded AA License

Congratulations to everyone whose hard work has resulted in the most recent accomplishment of the JCC Infant/Toddler Program. The Program was approved for an "AA" license which

is the highest grade North Carolina awards to day care centers. "This speaks very highly of our program," says Director Sally Williams, "and we are very proud." See INFANT page 10

Community to Commemorate Yom Hashoah

This year, to commemorate the Holocaust we turn to the Second Generation. Each year the number of survivors lessens. In order to make sure that no one ever forgets the horror of the Holocaust the children and grandchildren of the survivors must continue to speak out. The Jewish Community Center and the Charlotte members of the North Carolina State Commission on the Holocaust are proud to sponsor "Reflections from the Second Generation." This event will be held on Sunday, April 18, at 7 p.m. in Gorelick Hall. It is open to the entire community and all ages are encouraged to attend.

Guest speaker is Jackie Fishman, daughter of survivor, Dr. Susan Cernyak-Spatz. Jackie will speak on her experiences as the child of a survivor, her recent tour of concentration camps with her mother and her involvement with a "Facing History

and Ourselves," a national foundation which helps educators raise the consciousness of junior and senior high students through an "in depth study of the Holocaust and its message for today."

There will also be a memorial candlelighting led by the children and grandchildren of local survivors. Each of them will briefly share their feelings about being the "Second Generation."

It becomes more important each year to "pass the torch." This evening will be Charlotte's start toward doing this.

An exhibit of Holocaust memorabilia and photos collected from survivors and liberators will be on display in the Speizman Art Galleries at Shalom Park, March 29 through May 16. Special tours, led by docents from the Holocaust Council, may be arranged by calling Debby Rosenberger, 366-5007.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut to be Celebrated

Come to Shalom Park on Sunday, April 25, for a fun-filled birthday party for Israel. There is an exciting schedule of events planned for all ages.

The day will start at 11:30 a.m. with a four mile solidarity walk. It will include the Sunday School children from both Temple Israel and Temple Beth El. We hope many adults will also join this walk to show unity with the State of Israel. When everyone arrives back at Shalom Park

there will be a picnic lunch available with many Israeli foods, as well as kosher franks made to order on the grills. There will be singing, dancing and games for the entire family.

Please rejoin us that evening at 7 p.m. when we will welcome Mayor Richard Vinroot. He will share his experiences from his recent trip to Israel as a member of a national mayors mission. The evening will conclude with a coffee and cake reception.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool • Consolidated High School
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Cordially invite you to attend a

COMMUNITY-WIDE SHABBAT DINNER

TO HONOR OUR VETERAN TEACHERS

Shirley Levine	Vicki Neumann	Joyce Stewart	Frances Underwood
Irving Mond	Celia Scher	Arthur Tirsun	Sam Wallace

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1993 6 p.m. Temple Israel

Joint services will be held at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth El conducted by students of the Consolidated Jewish High School. An Oneg Shabbat will follow.

Prepayment only will be accepted for the dinner (\$8.50/adult; \$4.50/child). Your check, to be mailed to Temple Israel, 4901 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226, is your reservation.

Donations in honor of our teachers will be graciously accepted and presented to their respective school's scholarship fund. For more information call Roz Cooper, 366-5007 or the Temple, 362-2796.