



SOUSA MENDES  
FOUNDATION

2021  
YEAR in  
REVIEW



*President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa  
of Portugal inducts Aristides de Sousa  
Mendes into the National Pantheon,  
October 19, 2021*



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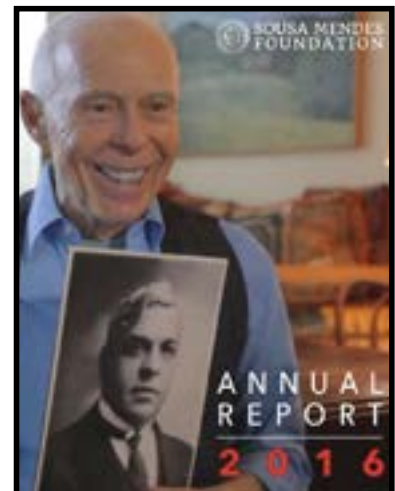
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## IN MEMORIAM



Visa recipients we have lost in 2021 include the playwright and director **Jean-Claude van Itallie** (above, on the cover of our 2016 Annual Report), **Mathilde (“Til”) van Perlstein**, **Tamara van den Bergh** and **Dr. Lissy Jarvik**, the Foundation’s first President. They all brightened our world and will be sorely missed.



Founded in 2010, the Sousa Mendes Foundation is dedicated to honoring the memory of the Holocaust rescuer Aristides de Sousa Mendes and to educating the public about his action. It has a two-fold mission: raising funds for the restoration of the Sousa Mendes ancestral home “Casa do Passal” and the creation within its walls of a museum and memorial site, and sponsoring US-based projects that perpetuate his legacy.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Olivia Mattis

This has been a very exciting year for the Foundation, with a major article in Smithsonian magazine, a new film, a new exhibition, and most importantly the induction of Aristides de Sousa Mendes into the **National Pantheon of Portugal!** We have continued to offer programs on rescue and resistance on Sunday afternoons with inspiring films and compelling speakers, including human rights heroes **Judy Feld Carr, Benjamin Ferencz, Abraham H. Foxman, Jerry Goodman, Irshad Manji, Albie Sachs and Natan Sharansky** along with filmmakers, historians, best-selling authors and other great presenters. As we look forward to a world beyond

the COVID pandemic, we hope to bring back more in-person events, in particular the **Journey on the Road to Freedom** – the highly popular pilgrimage tour we organize through France, Spain and Portugal, retracing the footsteps of Aristides de Sousa Mendes and the refugees of 1940.

This Annual Report is dedicated to the memory of **Dr. Lissy Jarvik**, a Sousa Mendes visa recipient who was the first President of the Sousa Mendes Foundation and who recently died at age 97. Dr. Jarvik was a pioneer in the field of geriatric medicine, and she was one of the first scientists to identify Alzheimer's disease as an illness rather than as an inevitable consequence of aging. In the 1990s, she penned this touching tribute to her rescuer:

*Without Aristides de Sousa Mendes I would not be here.*

*It's as simple as that.*

*Without Aristides de Sousa Mendes I would have suffered tortures so grievous and so prolonged that death would have been a welcome relief.*

*Without Aristides de Sousa Mendes I would have missed out on half a century – half a century which allowed me to breathe; to live, to love – to mature, to marry, to have children, to study, to teach and to help a few people individually as well as to contribute a little bit to our knowledge base on aging and mental health.*

*And I would have missed out on becoming part of a country which was the home of a truly free people, a country which offered opportunity to the disenfranchised, the downtrodden, the needy – to people like me.*



Dr. Lissy Jarvik



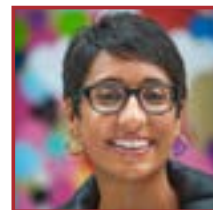
Benjamin Ferencz



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Jerry Goodman



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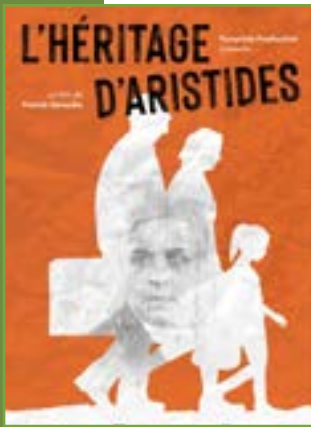
Natan Sharansky



Judy Feld Carr

## HUMANITARIAN AWARD PRESENTED TO JUDY FELD CARR

On December 5, 2021, we presented the Sousa Mendes Foundation Humanitarian Award to **Judy Feld Carr**, a woman of exceptional courage and valor who chose to make a difference. Over a 28-year period, she secretly brought to freedom 3228 Jews prohibited from emigrating from Syria. Working with smugglers and bribing government officials, she removed most of that community from veritable bondage. In addition, she clandestinely smuggled out of that country priceless ancient articles of Jewish worship. Until Prime Minister **Yitzhak Rabin** and the Israeli Intelligence Organizations publicly acclaimed her activities, the world, including the Jewish world, had no inkling of this Canadian Jewish woman's covert life. She is the subject of the biography *The Rescuer* by historian **Dr. Harold Troper**, who said of Ms. Carr: "Her remarkable story stands as a testament to what one person can achieve when compassion is harnessed to determination."



### A NEW FILM

The haunting new documentary film *The Legacy of Aristides* by Patrick Séraudie asks the question: What is the legacy of Aristides de Sousa Mendes today? The film premiered in April 2021 at the Miami International Jewish Film Festival with a panel discussion organized by the Sousa Mendes Foundation. The panel featured Sousa Mendes visa recipient **Henri Dyner**, visa recipient daughter **Cookie Fischer**, and Sousa Mendes's grandson **Gerald Mendes**, and was moderated by Foundation President **Olivia Mattis**. We later featured the film on one of our Sunday programs. In addition, we continue to offer the dramatic and moving film *Disobedience: The Sousa Mendes Story* to community groups across North America. If you wish to bring either film to your community, please fill out the form at <https://sousamendesfoundation.org/book-an-event/>

### SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE

The writer **Chanan Tigay** published a lengthy feature article in the November 2021 issue of *Smithsonian* magazine titled (in print): "The Righteous Defiance of Aristides de Sousa Mendes" and (online): "The Untold Story of the Portuguese Diplomat Who Saved Thousands from the Nazis." This in-depth and deeply researched essay introduced countless readers of all ages to the story of Aristides de Sousa Mendes and the work of the Sousa Mendes Foundation. Other media coverage in 2021 included the BBC, the Associated Press, and more. For a look at our press coverage, please go to <https://sousamendesfoundation.org/in-the-news/>



Chanan Tigay

### VISAS TO FREEDOM – STORIES OF RESCUE



Sousa Mendes visa recipient Iva Polak Wummer

One of our priorities has always been to videotape the Sousa Mendes visa recipients and capture their testimonials. Our two newest interviewees are **Iva Polak Wummer** and **Hilda de Vleeschauwer Guislain**. Born in Prague, Iva Wummer was stricken with polio as a child and was carried by her father during the exodus of 1940. She was interviewed by **Robert Jacobvitz** and videotaped by **Paola Prieto**. Hilda Guislain was the daughter of the "Belgian Charles de Gaulle," **Albert de Vleeschauwer**. He was the Belgian Minister of Colonies and one of four ministers who established the Belgian Government-in-Exile in London. Meanwhile, Hilda and her siblings were sheltered in



Luisa da Rocha

Interviewer Cookie Fischer, left, with Sousa Mendes visa recipient Hilda de Vleeschauwer Guislain

Portugal in the Casa do Passal, the home of the Sousa Mendes family in Cabanas de Viriato. She was interviewed by **Cookie Fischer** and videotaped by **Luisa da Rocha**.

### SOUSA MENDES FOUNDATION LIBRARY AND ARCHIVE

The author **Richard Hurowitz** visited the Sousa Mendes Foundation library and archive in preparation for his forthcoming HarperCollins book featuring ten Holocaust rescuers from throughout Europe -- including Aristides de Sousa Mendes -- as well as analysis of the importance and meaning of their heroics. The book is scheduled for publication in January 2023. Said Hurowitz, "The Sousa Mendes Foundation's archives are a truly indispensable resource for anyone interested in the wonderful life of Aristides de Sousa Mendes and of rescuers in general. It contains many rare and even unique documents, artifacts, photographs and books which add tremendously to our understanding of this important moment in history. It is a real treasure trove."



Richard Hurowitz



# INDUCTION OF ARISTIDES DE SOUSA MENDES INTO THE NATIONAL PANTHEON OF PORTUGAL

On October 19, 2021, President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa of Portugal presided over the ceremony inducting Aristides de Sousa Mendes into his country's National Pantheon. This unique posthumous honor puts the Holocaust rescuer in the company of the most distinguished Portuguese heroes, including the playwright and statesman Almeida Garrett, the poet Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen, the politician Humberto Delgado, the fado singer Amalia Rodrigues and the soccer star Eusébio. President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa called attention to the two common traits of these heroes: like Sousa Mendes, they all "changed the history of Portugal and projected the image of Portugal into the world."

The ceremony took place in the presence of the President of Parliament Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues and many members of Parliament, of Prime Minister António Costa and several Ministers and high government officials, members of the judiciary and local officials from Sousa Mendes's hometown of Cabanas de Viriato, Carregal do Sal. Among the special guests were members of the large Sousa Mendes family, as well as representatives of four visa recipient families: Hartog, Rozenfeld, van den Bergh and Vleeschauwer. The choir of the National Theater of São Carlos set the solemn mood, and the projection of a video with testimonials brought the stories of refugees in their own words, including the late Dr. Lissy Jarvik and Dr. Sylvain Bromberger, both former Foundation Board members. The eulogy was given by the historian Margarida Magalhães Ramalho. President Rebelo de Sousa and Mr. Ferro Rodrigues unveiled the memorial plaque in homage to Sousa Mendes. The President then handed the Certificate of Honors and the national flag to family representative Silverio de Sousa Mendes.

The induction process began on November 2019 with a proposal submitted by Joacine Katar Moreira, a Member of Parliament elected by the small Livre party. The proposal garnered broad support, and Parliament named a 10-member task force, including several Sousa Mendes family members. In July 2020, the resulting Parliamentary Resolution No. 47/2020 was approved unanimously, in a decision to honor Sousa Mendes as an individual who challenged fascist ideology and defended the values of freedom and human dignity. In a recent interview, Ms. Katar Moreira stated that "Now is the time to rescue our heroes, when we are experiencing the re-emergence of ultra-conservative and racist ideologies." In his day, he "tried to appeal to the Members of Parliament but was not heard. Now it is the Parliament that grants him the honors of the Pantheon," she added with just satisfaction.



Silverio de Sousa Mendes (left) receives a certificate and Portuguese flag from President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa



Member of Parliament Joacine Katar Moreira (left) with Sousa Mendes Foundation Board treasurer Mariana Abrantes



Front row, L-R: Sousa Mendes Foundation Board treasurer Mariana Abrantes, Sonia de Sousa Mendes, Cookie Fischer, Dores do Carmo, Luis Azevedo Monteiro, Antonio de Sousa Mendes, Member of Parliament Joacine Katar Moreira, Silvério de Sousa Mendes, Teresa de Sousa Mendes. Back row, L-R: Angela de Sousa Mendes, Lea de Sousa Mendes, Luis Fidalgo, Luis Silva



The sculpture being installed in the Pantheon by technician Bruno Lino

## SOUSA MENDES VIDEO SCULPTURE ON VIEW IN PORTUGAL

The Sousa Mendes Foundation congratulates the Project Committee that was instrumental in the realization of the “Candelabro” video sculpture: **Jennifer Hartog, Monique Rubens Krohn, Gerald Mendes and Leah Rozenfeld Sills**. The large, contemporary sculpture with embedded videos and projected images interprets the mindset of Aristides de Sousa Mendes in the days leading up to his decision that would save thousands of lives from the Nazi terror. The work was created by the internationally known artist **Werner Klotz** with an audio soundtrack by the singer and composer **Almut Kühne**. It is based on an idea of the late **Sebastian Mendes**, an artist grandson of the Holocaust hero. “My cousin Sebastian dreamed of creating this sculpture in homage to his grandfather and to those saved,” recalls Gerald Mendes. “I think Sebastian would be very proud of the result,” he added.

In Portugal’s new **National Resistance and Freedom Museum** in Peniche, the chandelier-shaped sculpture was met with visitors describing the videos and haunting soundtrack as “mesmerizing” and “moving.” The museum’s curator **Teresa Pacheco Albino**, stated, “We were very moved when the Chandelier was set up and the space was transformed into a small cathedral. It is a beautiful piece that conveys a message of love.” From Peniche, the work traveled to the National Pantheon in Lisbon where it was installed on November 30 and will remain on view

until March 6, 2022. Thereafter it will travel to the Musée d’Aquitaine in Bordeaux, France. And for its future plans? Perhaps the piece will travel to a venue near you! If you have any close gallery or museum connections, please contact us.



L-R: Monique Rubens Krohn, Leah Rozenfeld Sills, Jennifer Hartog, Gerald Mendes

## RESOLUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On April 28, 2021, on the occasion of Holocaust Remembrance Day, **Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT)** and **Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT)** introduced Senate Resolution 186 “honoring the humanitarian work of Dr. Aristides de Sousa Mendes do Amaral e Abranches to save the lives of French Jews and other persons during the Holocaust.” This resolution is the result of the efforts of **Martin Gold**, of the United States Commission for the Preservation of America’s Heritage Abroad, and **Celestine Gold**, who is a senate staffer for Senator Romney. A similar resolution has been introduced in the House of Representatives by **Congressman Jim Costa (D-CA)** as a result of the efforts of **Frank Ferreira**, a public affairs specialist in the State Department. It is heartening to see Sousa Mendes’s action officially recognized and honored by the U.S. government!



Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT)



Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT)

## EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

The Educational Initiatives Committee, chaired by high school history teacher **Dr. Heidi Omlor**, is creating a study guide to accompany our exhibition, “*These are my people!*” *The Story of Aristides de Sousa Mendes*. **Joanne Tuck** has been teaching two groups of lifelong learners about the Holocaust, devoting one week of the class to Sousa Mendes and his story. **Michelle Provitch** wrote and taught a lesson on Sousa Mendes to her middle school students this fall. **Joan Halperin** has been holding workshops with teachers of **The Olga Lengyel Institute (TOLI)** using her book *My Sister’s Eyes* to teach about how Aristides de Sousa Mendes saved her family. The committee is making plans for teacher workshops to help train teachers about using our materials, as well as prepare those who will travel on the **Journey on the Road to Freedom** trip in the future. Several members of the Committee completed the new Moral Courage training program of **Irshad Manji’s Moral Courage Institute** in order to be able to incorporate this training into our educational materials.

# CASA DO PASSAL: THE FUTURE SOUSA MENDES MUSEUM



Casa do Passal is an imposing mansion located in Cabanas de Viriato, Portugal, where the large Sousa Mendes family lived when not posted abroad. This house is also where Sousa Mendes received refugees in 1940 and where the Sousa Mendes family itself took refuge when the diplomat was removed from his consular post in Bordeaux and ousted from active service. It was in this home that the family descended into poverty and debt, following the hero's punishment by the Salazar regime. The home was sold at a creditor's auction in 1957, three years after the diplomat's death, and fell into a state of ruin. Sousa Mendes was first officially recognized as a hero in Portugal in 1986, and since then it has been the dream of his children and grandchildren that their former family home should become a museum. The ruined house was purchased in 2001 by the Fundação Aristides de Sousa Mendes (FASM) in Portugal, an entity created with repatriation funds provided by the Portuguese government.

The house was classified as a National Monument in 2011 by the Portuguese Heritage authority. Nevertheless, it continued to deteriorate until 2014 when urgent repairs (Phase 1 of the restoration) were undertaken by the Heritage authorities. This work consisted of the reinforcement of the exterior walls, the replacement of the roof and windows and the removal of the damaged interior floors. In 2015, a national concept competition was launched which resulted in the contracting, in 2017, of architects to prepare the project plans for the completion of the restoration work. The local authorities (Municipal Council of Carregal do Sal) assumed responsibility for the execution of Phase 2 budgeted at €800,000 (85% EU grants, and 15% local funding). The architectural planning and the preparation of the grant application proceeded,

Belgian refugees at the Casa do Passal, July 1940 (right). Hilda de Vleeschauwer is in the front row center, between two little boys.



Sousa Mendes visa recipient Hilda de Vleeschauwer Guislain shares a laugh with Sousa Mendes's grandson António de Sousa Mendes in front of the Casa do Passal where she lived as a refugee in 1940, as her son Pierre Guislain (left) looks on.

and a request for funding was submitted to Portugal's Program Centro 2020 funded by European Union grants.

In March of 2021, a major grant of €1,047,000 in European Union funds was approved for Phase 2. Subsequently, the public tender for the construction was launched, but it twice failed to attract bidders, as building costs had outpaced the original budget. With the inclusion of additional project components, such as multimedia equipment, landscaping of the grounds and the creation of the initial permanent exhibition, the cost is now estimated to top €2 million. On November 26, 2021, following the induction of Aristides de Sousa Mendes into the Portuguese National Pantheon, the Portuguese Parliament passed a resolution calling on the national government to collaborate with the municipal authorities on the restoration of the house and the creation of the museum. This is welcome news indeed!



# STORIES OF RESCUE, RESISTANCE AND HOPE

See the recordings at [www.youtube.com/user/SousaMendesFdn/videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/SousaMendesFdn/videos)

In 2021, we continued our Sunday programs on true stories of rescue, resistance and hope – with thirty-two gripping films and 108 inspiring presenters. We were delighted to partner with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives, the Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect, the Carl Lutz Circle, the Centro Primo Levi, the Chambon Foundation, the International Center for Multigenerational Legacies of Trauma, the Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation, the Penn State University Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Education Initiative and Pyramide Productions. In addition, we are grateful to our generous donors who enabled us to offer sponsored tickets to several programs. And thank you to our wonderful audience!

## JANUARY

**The Jewish James Bond and Other Heroes, JANUARY 3**  
Discussion featuring Yehuda Arazi, Sandra Brown and Boaz Dvir, presented in partnership with the Penn State University Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Education Initiative



Yehuda Arazi



Sandra Brown



Boaz Dvir

**Return to Calais, JANUARY 17**

Film and discussion featuring Edith Goldenhar, Matilda Velevitch and Jean-Claude van Itallie



Edith Goldenhar



Matilda Velevitch



Jean-Claude van Itallie



**Broken Branches – Youth Aliyah and the Rescue of Jewish Teenagers, JANUARY 10**

Film and discussion featuring Ayala Sharot, Shulamit Reinharz and Marcie Natan



Ayala Sharot



Shulamit Reinharz



Marcie Natan

**Escape to Ecuador – A Jewish Safe Haven, JANUARY 24**

Screening of film *An Unknown Country* and discussion featuring Eva Zelig, Abramo Ottolenghi, Ambassador Ivonne Baki and moderator Dan Subotnik



Eva Zelig



Abramo Ottolenghi



Ambassador Ivonne Baki



Dan Subotnik



**Woman of Valor – The Story of Hannah Senesh, JANUARY 31**

Screening of film *Blessed is the Match* and discussion featuring Roberta Grossman, Michael Berenbaum and Mordecai Paldiel with singer Avaya reading poetry and performing “Eli, Eli”



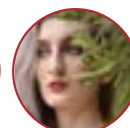
Roberta Grossman



Michael Berenbaum



Mordecai Paldiel



Avaya

## FEBRUARY

**In My Mother’s Footsteps, FEBRUARY 7**

Book discussion featuring Rebecca Barber and Robert Jacobvitz



Rebecca Barber



Robert Jacobvitz

**Resistance of the Heart – A Valentine’s Day Program, FEBRUARY 14**

Book discussion featuring Nathan Stoltzfus, Ruth Wiseman and Mordecai Paldiel



Nathan Stoltzfus



Ruth Wiseman



Mordecai Paldiel



**Soros, FEBRUARY 21**

Film and discussion featuring Jesse Dylan, Priscilla Cohen and Michael Berenbaum



Jesse Dylan



Priscilla Cohen



Michael Berenbaum

**Nobody Wants Us, FEBRUARY 28**

Film and discussion featuring Laura Seltzer-Duny, Blanche Wiesen Cook, Rebecca Eichler and guest host Joan Halperin



Laura Seltzer-Duny



Blanche Wiesen Cook



Rebecca Eichler



Joan Halperin



# MARCH



**Bulgarian Miracle, MARCH 7**  
Screening of film *49,172* and discussion featuring Plamen Petkov, Mordecai Paldiel and Alice Eichenbaum



Plamen Petkov



Mordecai Paldiel



Alicia Eichenbaum



**Dear Fredy, MARCH 14**  
Film and discussion featuring Rubi Gat, Nili Keren, Inge Auerbacher and Mordecai Paldiel



Rubi Gat



Nili Keren



Inge Auerbacher



Mordecai Paldiel

**Hava Nagila – Anthem of Jewish Rejoicing, MARCH 21**  
Film and discussion featuring Roberta Grossman, Henry Sapoznik and Richard Glazier and sponsored by a generous donor



Roberta Grossman



Henry Sapoznik



Richard Glazier

# APRIL



Rami Sherman



Boaz Dvir

**Rescue at Entebbe, APRIL 18**  
Discussion featuring Rami Sherman and Boaz Dvir, presented in partnership with the Penn State University Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Education Initiative



Irshad Manji



Abraham H. Foxman

**Lessons in Moral Courage, APRIL 25**  
Discussion featuring Irshad Manji and Abraham H. Foxman

# MAY

**Captain Barros Basto – The Portuguese Dreyfus, MAY 2**  
Optional viewing of film *Sefarad* with discussion featuring Inacio Steinhardt, Cookie Fischer, Dara Jeffries and moderator Mariana Abrantes



Inacio Steinhardt



Cookie Fischer



Dara Jeffries



Mariana Abrantes

**Spy Princess – The Story of Noor Inayat Khan, MAY 16**

Screening of film *Enemy of the Reich: The Noor Inayat Khan Story* and discussion featuring Shrabani Basu, Shaikh-al-Mashaik Mahmood Khan Youskine and moderator Shulamit Reinharz



Shrabani Basu



Shaikh-al-Mashaik Mahmood Khan Youskine



Shulamit Reinharz

**Faye Schulman – Partisan and Photographer, MAY 9**



Screening of film *Out of the Fire* and discussion featuring Shelley Saywell, Joanne Gilbert, Rachelle Schulman and moderator Mitch Braff, presented in partnership with the Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation



Shelley Saywell



Joanne Gilbert



Rachelle Schulman



Mitch Braff

**Mendelssohn, the Nazis and Me, MAY 23**

Film and discussion featuring Sheila Hayman, R.Larry Todd and Lily Hirsch and sponsored by Marvin and Mimi Sandler



Sheila Hayman



R. Larry Todd



Lily Hirsch



**Sousa Mendes Remembered, MAY 30**

Screening of film *Disobedience: The Sousa Mendes Story* and discussion featuring Congressman Tony Coelho, Sheila Abranches-Pierce, Angelina Muetzel and moderator Robert Jacobvitz



Congressman Tony Coelho



Sheila Abranches-Pierce



Angelina Muetzel



Robert Jacobvitz

# JUNE

**Ben Ferencz, World War II Veteran and the Last Surviving Prosecutor of the Nuremberg Trials, Interviewed by Dr. Yael Danieli, JUNE 6**

Optional viewing of film *Law, Not War* with discussion (pre-recorded and live) featuring Benjamin Ferencz and Dr. Yael Danieli, with Jennifer Trahan joining for Q&A, presented in partnership with the International Center for Multigenerational Legacies of Trauma



Benjamin Ferencz Dr. Yael Danieli



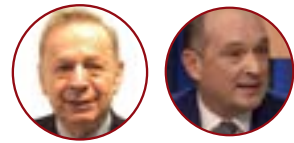
Jennifer Trahan



**The Rescuers, JUNE 13**  
Film and discussion featuring Michael W. King, Joyce Mandell, Mordecai Paldiel and co-host Frédéric Hayat, presented in partnership with the Carl Lutz Circle



Michael W. King Joyce Mandell



Mordecai Paldiel Frédéric Hayat

# JULY



**Weapons of the Spirit, JULY 11**

Film and pre-recorded discussion featuring Pierre Sauvage and Bill Moyers, presented in partnership with the Chambon Foundation



Pierre Sauvage

**Let my people go! The Rescue of Soviet Jewry, JULY 18**

Optional viewing of film *Refusenik* with discussion featuring Jerry Goodman, Semyon Pinkhasov, Dorit Perry and moderator Robert Jacobvitz



Jerry Goodman



Semyon Pinkhasov



Dorit Perry



Robert Jacobvitz

**Salud y Shalom – American Jews in the Spanish Civil War, JULY 25**

Screening of film *The Good Fight* and discussion featuring Joseph Butwin, Nancy Wallach and moderator Gina Herrmann, presented in partnership with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives



Joseph Butwin



Nancy Wallach

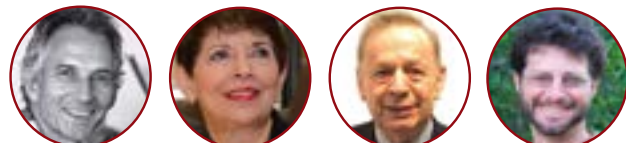


Gina Herrmann

# AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

**Abba Kovner – Hero and Witness, AUGUST 1**

Screening of film *The Partisans of Vilna* and discussion featuring Michael Kovner, Dina Porat, Mordecai Paldiel and co-host Jonathan Furst, presented in partnership with the Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation



Michael Kovner Dina Porat Mordecai Paldiel Jonathan Furst

**Shalom Uganda, AUGUST 15**

Book discussion featuring Janice Masur, Rabbi Gershom Sizomu, moderator Robert Jacobvitz and guest host Joan Halperin



Janice Masur Rabbi Gershom Sizomu Robert Jacobvitz Joan Halperin

**Woman of Valor – Mildred Fish-Harnack, AUGUST 8**

Screening of film *Wisconsin's Nazi Resistance: The Mildred Fish-Harnack Story* and discussion featuring Anne Nelson and Stefan Roloff



Anne Nelson



Stefan Roloff

**The Albanian Code, AUGUST 22**

Film and discussion featuring Yael Katzir, Saimir Lolja and Mordecai Paldiel



Yael Katzir



Saimir Lolja



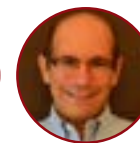
Mordecai Paldiel

**Never Alone – Prison, Politics and My People, AUGUST 29**

Screening of film *From Slavery to Freedom* and book discussion featuring Natan Sharansky and Gil Troy



Natan Sharansky



Gil Troy

**Albie Sachs and the New South Africa, SEPTEMBER 26**

Screening of film *Soft Vengeance* and discussion featuring Albie Sachs, Abby Ginzberg and moderator Shulamit Reinharz



Albie Sachs



Abby Ginzberg



Shulamit Reinharz

# OCTOBER

## Safer in Silence, OCTOBER 3

Film and discussion featuring Corinne Niox Chateau, Annette Insdorf and guest host Joan Halperin



Corinne Niox Chateau



Annette Insdorf



Joan Halperin

## The Lady in Gold – The Remarkable Story of Klimt’s Nazi-Looted Painting and its Recovery, OCTOBER 10

Optional viewing of film *Woman in Gold* with book discussion featuring author Anne-Marie O’Connor



Anne-Marie O’Connor

## Miep Gies and the Rescue of Anne Frank’s Diary, OCTOBER 24

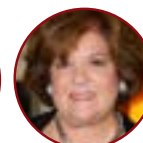
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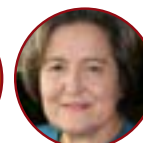
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Film and book discussion featuring Nicholas Dawidoff and Jacob Goldstein



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## Jesse Owens and the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games, OCTOBER 31

Screening of film *More Than Gold* and discussion featuring Stuart Owen Rankin, Anita L. DeFrantz, Lori Weintrob and moderator Robert Jacobvitz

# NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

## My Herzl, NOVEMBER 7

Film and discussion featuring David Matlow, Derek Penslar and Shulamit Reinharz



David Matlow



Derek Penslar



Shulamit Reinharz



## Our Hebrews – The Tuscan Mountain Village that Rescued its Jewish Population, NOVEMBER 21

Film and discussion featuring Naor Meninger, Debora Siegel and Mordecai Paldiel



Naor Meninger



Debora Siegel



Mordecai Paldiel

## The Legacy of Aristides, NOVEMBER 14

Film and bilingual discussion featuring Patrick Séraudie, Gerald Mendes and Cookie Fischer, presented in partnership with Pyramide Productions



Patrick Séraudie



Gerald Mendes



Cookie Fischer

## Fleeing Mussolini – Italian-Jewish Refugees in the United States, NOVEMBER 28

Book discussion featuring Gianna Pontecorboli, Annalisa Capristo, Massimo Calabresi and moderator Natalia Indrimi, presented in partnership with the Centro Primo Levi



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Annalisa Capristo



Massimo Calabresi



Natalia Indrimi

## “Mrs. Judy” – The Canadian Woman Who Secretly Rescued the Jews of Syria, DECEMBER 5

Film, performance, interview and award ceremony featuring Judy Feld Carr, Shulamit Reinharz, Samantha Massell, Asher Shasho-Levy, RebbeSoul, Mordecai Paldiel, Mariana Abrantes and sponsored by Patti Askwith Kenner



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