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Jewish Community
Foundation of
Greater Prescott

Legacy

Prestigious Holocaust Exhibit Coming to Prescott

Unique Community Partnership Responsible

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's traveling exhibit: **"Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings"** will be on display at the Art Gallery in the Yavapai College Performance Hall on the campus of Yavapai College from Monday, May 5 through Tuesday, June 24, 2008. When the exhibit arrives in Prescott, it will be the culmination of two years of planning by the exhibit's major sponsors, which include Yavapai College and Foundation, KPPV 106.7 FM, KQNA 1130 AM, KDDL 94.3 FM, Helken & Horn Advertising Agency, and the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Prescott. BlueCross BlueShield of Arizona is the exhibit's presenting corporate sponsor.

What is the exhibit? On May 10, 1933, the world witnessed the birth of a hatred the likes of which it could not imagine. On that fateful night, right-wing students, many dressed in uniforms and wearing the SA insignia, stormed the libraries of universities throughout Germany and

burned the books of blacklisted authors who were labeled "un-German". Not ten years later, the prophetic quote of nineteenth century German author, Heinrich Heine, would come true: "Where one burns books, one will soon burn people". The horrors of the Holocaust were to follow. To commemorate this historic event the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum developed a traveling exhibit entitled: **"Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings."**

The exhibit was designed to understand the historic importance and contemporary applications of the ominous act on May 10, 1933 by German students of burning upwards of 25,000 volumes of "un-German" books, presaging an era of state censorship and control of culture. It was developed specifically for libraries and universities to stimulate discussion on freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and first amendment rights.

The community's sponsors planned for the exhibit to be in Prescott on the 75th anniversary of

the book burnings in Nazi Germany and hope to bring national media attention to this important commemorative date in history. Prior to coming to Prescott, the exhibit has been at many prestigious venues, including Boston Public Library, Dallas Public Library, Denver Public Library, Drake University, and the UCLA Library. When asked about Prescott's exhibit, Dr. Jim Horton, President of Yavapai College said: "The college is proud to be a sponsor of this project and we feel honored that an exhibit of this caliber will be on our campus on the 75th anniversary of the book burnings of 1933."

Although the exhibit was designed to be self-guided, a docent program has been developed to enhance the experience. Guided tours of the exhibit will be available to community groups. Except for Sundays, the exhibit will be open daily from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and to 8:00 P.M. on Thursdays. Beginning Monday, March 24th, group tours can be scheduled by calling the exhibit's office at (928) 717 - 6157. ★

The Vision of the Foundation is to develop, sustain, and ensure the social welfare, cultural heritage, and continuity of a strong and vibrant Jewish community for generations to come through the creation and growth of endowment funds.



Days of Remembrance Event 2008: Tibor Rubin Holocaust Survivor & Medal of Honor Recipient

A Story of Survival, Bravery, and Loyalty

President's Message

January 17, 2008 was certainly a day of great pride in our Jewish community. The day began with a grand awards luncheon honoring our Endowment Book of Life signers, Lynn and Arlene Raskin with the Philanthropic Leadership Award, and Mr. Itzhak Perlman with the Foundation's Tikkun Olam Award. That evening the Greater Prescott community enjoyed a wonderful recital by Mr. Perlman, made possible by a generous grant from the Dorothy-Ellen Morris Fund. If you were at the performance, I think you will agree - the entire community was 'beaming' with pride and enthusiasm about the extraordinary talent we had all witnessed. It was truly a magnificent day.

As exciting as January was, this issue of Legacy describes two more outstanding events scheduled for our community: The Days of Remembrance Event on Tuesday, April 29th and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's traveling exhibit: **"Fighting the Fires of Hate; America and the Nazi Book Burnings."** The Foundation hopes to see you at each event.



David S. Hess, M.D., President

Please know that your comments and feedback are welcome and can be sent by email to info@jcfgp.org.

A full house is expected at the Yavapai College Performance Hall at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 when Tibor "Ted" Rubin is the featured speaker at the Greater Prescott's **Days of Remembrance Event** - a commemorative ceremony to remember those who were killed during the Nazi reign of terror from 1933 until 1945. This year's event is particular noteworthy because *Mr. Rubin is the only Holocaust survivor to also be a recipient of the Medal of Honor* (there are only 107 living recipients of the Medal of Honor). In recognition of Rubin's valor and dedication to his adopted country, Tom Brokaw of NBC News is producing a special video introduction for Mr. Rubin for the Prescott event.

It will truly be a once in a lifetime opportunity to see and hear Mr. Rubin tell his extraordinary life's journey: From a teenaged Nazi death camp survivor inspired to serve by his American liberators, to a heroic U.S. Army soldier in the Korean War, to a savior of his fellow captives during two years in a brutal Chinese POW camp. Little did Rubin know that the survival skills he acquired amid the horrors of the Holocaust (he lost both parents and a sister) would serve him once again in Korea. Rubin

is credited with saving hundreds of his U.S. Army comrades - in both the heat of battle and during the cold of captivity of a Chinese POW camp in the brutal North Korean winter of 1950-51.

Because of an anti-Semitic sergeant who failed to process the necessary paperwork, Rubin had to wait over fifty years to receive his Medal of Honor. When presenting Rubin the medal in 2005, President George W. Bush said: "By repeatedly risking his own life to save others, Corporal Rubin exemplified the highest ideals of military service and fulfilled a pledge to give something back to the country that had given him his freedom." President Bush went on to say: "We admire the determination of a young man who sought to repay his American liberators by following in their footsteps, and we recall the selfless acts that gave his comrades strength and hope in their darkest hours."

Please don't miss the opportunity to see and hear - "Ted" Rubin, **a survivor of the Mauthausen Nazi death camp and a true American hero.** Free tickets will be available through the Yavapai College Performance Hall box office, (928) 776-2000, beginning April 7, 2008. ★

Jewish Community Foundation Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Book of Life Signers and Itzhak Perlman Honored

In celebration of its tenth anniversary, the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Prescott hosted a luncheon at the Prescott Resort on Thursday, January 17th, 2008 honoring signers of the Foundation's Endowment Book of Life, Arlene and Lynn Raskin for Philanthropic Leadership, and world-renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman for his life long advocacy of inclusive practices for the disabled.

"The Endowment Book of Life is an important historical record for our local Jewish community," says Foundation board president Dr. David Hess. "Its signers have promised to leave a legacy gift to help endow the future of Jewish education, institutions and social services in the greater Prescott area. It's a moral commitment to leave something permanent for future generations."

Says Foundation trustee, Harold Greenberg, "For the Prescott community, The Book of Life is a documented expression of the giving spirit of the Jewish people who live here. Through our Foundation, these endowments pass into the Prescott region to benefit the larger community in so many enduring ways - such as the Raskin family gift that provided the new general and cardiac surgery waiting area at Yavapai Regional Medical Center." It was for this gift and so many like it over the years that Arlene and Lynn



Seated center, Mr. Itzhak Perlman, is surrounded by members of the Raskin Family who attended the luncheon that honored Arlene and Lynn Raskin for Philanthropic Leadership.

Raskin were recognized by the Foundation with their prestigious Philanthropic Leadership Award. Perlman's sold-out appearance in Prescott was another example of the Foundation's work. That performance, made possible by a grant from the Dorothy-Ellen Morris Endowment Fund, was dedicated to the memory of Morris, who passed away in 2006.

Mr. Perlman was also honored at the luncheon, receiving the Foundation's Tikkun Olam (Hebrew meaning 'repairing the world') Award for his contributions to music, teaching, and the causes of the disabled. The award, a one-of-a-kind sculpture by local artist Natalie Krol, was accompanied by a \$10,000 donation to the Perlman Summer Music Program, a charitable organization that provides gifted musical children an

opportunity to learn from Perlman during a special summer camp.

To learn more about the community services provided by the Jewish Community Foundation and opportunities to participate in the Foundation's Legacy programs, visit www.jcftp.org or call the Foundation at (928) 717-0016. ★



Seated, Mr. Itzhak Perlman accepts the Foundation's Tikkun Olam Award from Harold Greenberg, immediate past-president of the Foundation.



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Music Winners Hear Perlman Recital

Garner Fund Provides Tickets



In the center, Fran Garner, is surrounded by the 10 very happy music students who attended the Itzhak Perlman recital.

In November of 2007, students throughout Greater Prescott competed in the Yavapai Symphony Guild's annual music competition. As great an honor as winning the competition is for these young gifted musicians, the winners had little idea they would receive a very special gift - a once in a lifetime opportunity to see and hear the great violin virtuoso, Itzhak Perlman.

Made possible by a grant from the Garner Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Prescott, ten area music students experienced Mr. Perlman's musical magic on January 17th when the master violinist gave a recital before a sold-out audience at the Yavapai College Performance Hall. Created in memory of Stanley Garner, the Garner Fund has been providing tickets for gifted music students to attend musical performances for the past several years. ★

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