

AHO Winter Conference 2023  
HOLOCAUST THEATER INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE  
Miami, Florida, Thesis Hotel  
January 7-10, 2023

***Saturday, January 7, 2023***

**1:00-6:30 PM Registration**

**6:30-8:30 Reunion Schmooze**

***Sunday, January 8, 2023***

**7:00-8:00 AM Breakfast/Registration**

***Session 1:***

**8:00 – 9:00 AM The Singer of Shanghai: Kevin Ostoyich**, Professor of History, Valparaiso University Fellow, Kate Hamburger Kolleg (global dis:connect) Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München.  
Chair: Danny Spungen, Florence and Laurence Spungen Family Foundation

**9:00-9:15 Break**

***Session 2:***

**9:15-10:30 “During the Siege of Sarajevo” Mark Gudgel** College of Saint Mary  
Chair: Ursula Szczepinska, The Florida Holocaust Museum

**10:30-10:45 Break**

***Session 3:***

**10:45-12:00 NJTF HTII Research: Holocaust Theater Catalog (HTC) and Remembrance Readings: Live Panelists and Theater Scholars and other professionals via zoom.**

**Arnold Mittelman** President National Jewish Theater Foundation and Executive Director, Holocaust Theater International Initiative at UM Miller Center  
**Alvin Goldfarb**, Lead Scholar HTC, President and Professor Emeritus, Western Illinois University

**David Strathairn**, Oscar Nominated Actor, **Derek Goldman**, Director of the Laboratory for Global and Politics, Georgetown University

**Teresa Eyring**, Executive Director Theatre Communications Group (TCG)

**Dr. Rochelle Saidel, Founder and Executive Director Remember the Women Institute**  
**Doug Reside, Curator of Billy Rose Theatre Division New York Public Library (NYPL)**  
**Betsy Lynch, CEO of Lawrence Family JCC and San Diego Center for Jewish Culture**  
Chair: Linda Medvin, Director, Arthur and Emalie Gutterman Family Center for Holocaust  
and Human Rights Education at FAU

**Lunch 12:00-1:15 PM**

***Session 4***

**1:15 -2:30 PM Combating Antisemitism Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt-United States  
Department of State**

Chair: Mark Weitzman, The World Jewish Restitution Organization

**2:30-2:45 break**

***Session 5:***

**2:45-3:45 PM Rare Artifacts of Jewish Athletes During the Holocaust: Neil Keller**

Chair: Dr. Shay Pilnik, Yeshiva University

***4:15 Buses to University of Miami***

***4:30-6:30 PM Reception Hosted and sponsored by the University of Miami's Sue and  
Leonard Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic studies and The College of Arts and  
Sciences George Feldenkreis Programs in Judaic Studies.***

**6:30 Buses to Gable Stage Theater**

***7:00-8:30 PM Special Performance and panel at GableStage Theater - "We will not be  
Silent" (about the White Rose anti-Nazi student group)***

*The performance is sponsored in part by the Miller Center/Feldenkreis Program at UM.  
Will be followed by a discussion about the use of Holocaust Theater as a tool for  
education and resistance featuring artists engaged in creation and production of other  
Holocaust related works. Hosted by Arnold Mittelman*

**8:30-9:15-Talk Back with production/cast**

**9:15 PM Buses back to hotel**

## **Monday, January 9, 2023**

**7:00-8:00 Breakfast**

### **Session 6:**

**8:00-9:00 The Sh'ma Project: Move Against Hate:** <https://www.theshmaproject.com/>

**Suki John, PhD** Professor, School for Classical & Contemporary Dance

Chair: Michael Berenbaum, Sigi Ziering Institute

**9:00-9:15 break**

### **Session 7:**

**9:15- 10:15 The Past, Present and Future of Holocaust Education**

**Panelists:**

**Dr. Haim Shaked, Director of the Sue and Leonard Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic studies, University of Miami:**

**Dr. Alan Berger, Raddock Family Eminent Scholar Chair of Holocaust Studies, Florida Atlantic University:**

**Dr. Oren Baruch Stier, Director, Holocaust and Genocide Studies Program and Professor of Religious Studies, Florida International University**

**Dr. Miriam Klein Kassenoff, Founding Director, Holocaust Teacher Education Institute, School of Education, UM, District Education Specialist/Holocaust Education Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Child Refugee Survivor Holocaust**

Chair: Mark Weitzman, The World Jewish Restitution Organization

**Break 10:15-10:30**

### **Session 8:**

**10:30-11:45 Enacting History: Using Verbatim Testimony, Scripted Text and Theater Techniques to Teach the Holocaust:**

**Panelists:**

**Mira Hirsch and Arnold Mittelman, Co-Authors (with Janet Rubin) Routledge Press "Enacting History: A Practical Guide to Teaching the Holocaust Through Theater"**

**Tovah Feldshuh, Award Winning Broadway, Off Broadway, and Television Actress Ruth Gordon, Founder and Director Holocaust Impact Theater (HIT) Miami, Florida**

**Adrian Packer CBA, CEO Core Education Trust, Birmingham, UK**

**Karen Pollock MBE, Chief Executive of Holocaust Educational Trust (HET) UK**

**Dr. Gail Humphries, Dean, College of Fellows of the American Theater**

**Karen Berman Ph.D., Past President Association of Theatre in Higher Education**

Chair: Kori Street, USC Shoah Foundation

**11:45-12:45** Lunch/AHO Business Meeting.

***Session 9:***

**1:00-2:00** Life in the Museum World (Museum Directors)

**Chair:** Mary Pat Higgins, President and CEO, Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum:

**Panelists:** Jack Kliger, President and CEO, The Museum of Jewish Heritage-A Living Memorial to the Holocaust

**Rabbi Eli Mayerfeld, CEO, Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus:**

**Dee Simons, Baral Family CEO, Holocaust Center for Humanity**

**Erin Blankenship, Interim Executive Director, Florida Holocaust Museum**

***Session 10:***

**2:00—3:15** Letters from Anne & Martin: A Theatrical Presentation, Anne Frank Center USA and the University of South Carolina

**Chair:** Troy Fears, CANDLES Holocaust Museum

**3:15-3:30** break

***Session 11:***

**3:30-4:30** America and the Holocaust, Comments on the Ken Burns Series and on The Much Larger Issues Michael Berenbaum, Sigi Ziering Institute

**Chair:** Marilyn Sinclair, All About Words/Liberation75

**4:30-5:45** Myth of Absence Bernard and Shirley Kinsey, The Bernard and Shirley Kinsey Foundation for Art & Education

**Chair:** The Honorable Fred Zeidman, former Chair of the USHMM

**6:30** AHO Board of Directors Meeting

***Tuesday January 10, 2023***

**7:00- 8:00** AM Breakfast

***Session 12:***

**8:00-9:15** Robert P. Watson “The Nazi Titanic: The Incredible Untold Story of a Doomed Ship in World War II”

**Chair:** Millie Jasper, Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center

**9:15-9:30** Break

**9:30-10:15 Lois Roman, Holocaust Memorial Center Zemelman Family Campus Holocaust Center -AHO Young Leadership**

Chair: Eli Mayerfeld CEO, Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus

**10:15-10:45 Open membership discussion with the Board of Director of the Association of Holocaust Organizations**