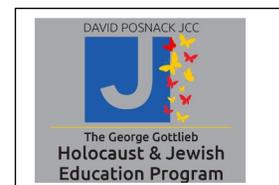


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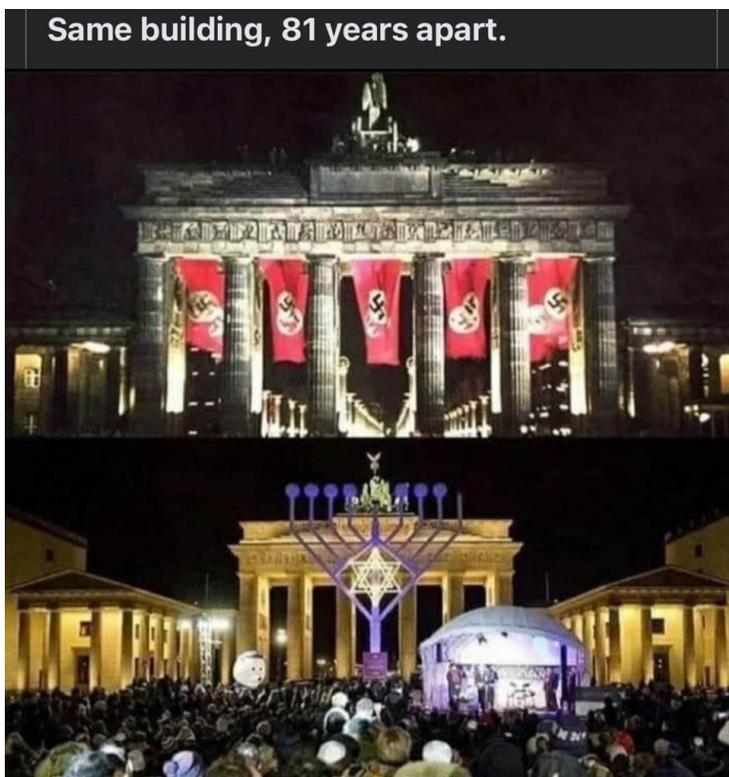
First and foremost wishing you all a very happy Gregorian New Year. As we enter the month of January the **MMNHLC** is looking great. We've had a host of docent trainings with a wonderful cadre of about a dozen individuals interested in becoming docents at the MMNHLC. We can always use a few more people, so don't be shy. We already have one school group scheduled for January and as the press releases begin to trickle out we expect more and more groups to be interested in a visit to the MMNHLC. Please send an e-mail to Lea Shani requesting an application to become an MMNHLC docent ( [Lshani@dpicc.org](mailto:Lshani@dpicc.org) )

Please note that all visits to the MMNHLC are by appointments only. It is not a drop-in visitation program. There is a great deal of 21<sup>st</sup> century technology that needs to be illuminated for the visitors which requires appointments and staff and/or docents to be available for those visits. Please think of your synagogue groups, your family, your mahjong or canasta group, your book club or any other social group that you may belong to who would value a visit and learn some more about the Holocaust. To make an appointment please contact Lea Shani for a reservation ( [LShani@dpicc.org](mailto:LShani@dpicc.org) ) We will begin appointments for March 2022.

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### **The Brandenburg Gate – a Jewish victory!**

Same building, 81 years apart.



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In Israel for **Miss Universe competition, Puerto Rican contestant reveals that her great-grandfather survived the Holocaust** –

2021 <https://www.jta.org/2021/12/07/culture/in-israel-for-miss-universe-competition-puerto-rican-contestant-reveals-that-her-great-grandfather-survived-the-holocaust> on NewsBreak <https://share.newsbreak.com/87ycbauj>

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**Watch: The Horrifying Acts of Antisemitism in 2021'** <https://avipnade137659.activehosted.com/social/5d616dd38211ebb5d6ec52986674b6e4.1040>

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Did you know that there was a **Wedding dress from a parachute** Thank you for sharing this with us Rabbi Fred Guttman .

*White wedding dress worn by Lili Lax, 22, for her marriage to Ludwig (Aron) Frydman, 21, on January 27, 1946, in a synagogue near Celle displaced persons camp in Germany. Lili told Ludwig that she had always dreamed of getting married in a white dress, so he obtained a white rayon parachute from a former German airman for 2 pounds of coffee and cigarettes. Lili used her cigarette rations to hire a seamstress, Miriam, to sew the gown. Miriam used the leftover material to make a shirt for Ludwig, 1999.126.1. Six months later, Lilly's sister wore the gown when she married, and then their cousin Rosie wore it. Lili lent the dress to many more brides, although she quit counting at 17. Ludwig, his parents Michal and Gizella, and 11 siblings lived in Sevlus, Czechoslovakia, which was annexed by Hungary in 1939. In March 1944, Germany invaded Hungary and soon began the systematic deportation of all Jews to concentration camps. Ludwig was confined to Munkacs ghetto and then deported to Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen. Ludwig's parents and 7 siblings perished. Lili, her father Yitzhak, and 4 younger siblings Faige, Eva, Mechel, and Eli, were from Zarici, Czechoslovakia. In June 1944, Lili and her family were sent to Auschwitz. Lili's father and brothers were immediately gassed. Lili and her sisters survived imprisonment in Płaszów, Neustadt in Oberschlesien, Gross-Rosen, and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps. Bergen-Belsen was liberated by British forces on April 15, 1945. Lili and Ludwig met in Celle dp camp in June 1945. With their 10 month old daughter and Lili's sister Eva, they left Celle in 1948 to join her sisters in New York.*

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Here's another share from Rabbi Fred; **An incredible story of survival as a family** This film was shown this past weekend on PBS. The Neiger family was living a peaceful life in the Jewish community in Krakow when the arrival of World War II changed their lives forever. When Nazi soldiers forced the family from their home into the harsh life of the Ghetto, they made a vow to escape as a family. But when circumstances forced the family to separate from older brother Ben, their will to survive was put to the test. All five children and their parents incredibly will survive. One of the children will die of Cancer in 2016. 2 others will die of Covid in 2020. The film is quite good and quite a testimony of the will to remain and family and to survive. <https://www.pbs.org/video/they-survived-together-m80qws/>

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Here's some news for all ther Transformer fans out-there: **Henry Orenstein, Holocaust survivor and 'father of Transformers,' dies at 98**  
<https://www.ynetnews.com/article/rjo00bvvcj>  
<https://www.jta.org/2021/12/16/obituaries/henry-orenstein-the-transformers-toys-inventor-holocaust-survivor-and-poker-star-is-dead-at-98>

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**Family reunited seven decades after the Holocaust** See this interesting article in World Israel News!  
<https://worldisraelnews.com/family-reunited-seven-decades-after-the-holocaust/> **A baby was taken from her mother's arms in the Holocaust. The family just reunited.** <https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2021/12/14/holocaust-survivor-reunion-eva-rapaport/>

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**Why the Ongoing Fascination With the Holocaust by Non-Jews?** <https://jewishlink.news/features/47897-why-the-ongoing-fascination-with-the-holocaust-by-non-jews>

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**How This Survivor Had Faith After the Holocaust. An interview with Rabbi Yisrael Lau, former Chief Rabbi of Israel.** <https://youtu.be/nwq3l3nJ4eU>

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***Humans of Judaism, Simon Wiesenthal, born December 31, 1908. "One day Simon called and said that he would like to celebrate his 90th birthday with a few friends in Vienna. I asked him where he would like to celebrate.***

*He said, 'I have one unfulfilled wish, to have a party at the Imperial Hotel.' He told me that it was Hitler's favorite hotel and that both Hitler and Himmler had permanent suites there. They built enormous bunkers beneath the hotel, which still exist today, because Hitler thought that this would serve as an ideal headquarters from where he could conduct the Second World War.*

*During the Third Reich, it would have been unthinkable, Simon said, for a Jew to be seen at the Imperial Hotel. 'And I want to make sure,' he said, 'that all the taboos of the Third Reich are broken and that the record of this hotel would affirm that Simon Wiesenthal celebrated his 90th birthday here with a Kosher dinner.'*

*On the night of the dinner, when the band played a favorite Yiddish song, 'Belz, Mein Shtete Belz' (Belz, My Little Shtetl Belz), he looked up at the ceiling, turned to me, and said: 'You see even the chandeliers are shaking because this is the first time they have ever heard such music here.*

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*Let the record read,' he said, 'that Hitler is no longer here, but even in the Imperial Hotel, Jews are still alive and still singing.'"* - Rabbi Marvin Hier reflecting on Simon Wiesenthal's birthday. Source: [Simon Wiesenthal Center](#)