

GLHRC 2015: What Remains

Schedule of Events, April 11-14, 2015 (Pre-Conference and Conference)

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- **Saturday Evening, April 11, 2015 7:30 PM, Krannert Auditorium, Purdue University**
Screening: *The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler*: Hallmark, 2009. 95 minutes

The story of Irena Sendler, a social worker who was part of the Polish underground during World War II and was arrested by the Nazis for saving the lives of nearly 2,500 Jewish children by smuggling them out of the Warsaw ghetto.

Conference will begin at 1:30 PM in the Krannert Auditorium, Purdue University

- **Sunday afternoon, April 12, 2015 2:30 PM, Krannert Auditorium, Purdue University**
Professor Michael Meng: Rabbi Gedalyah Engel Lecturer
Lecture: "Layered Memories in Postwar Warsaw: Muranów as a Ruin."

Michael Meng, who received his Ph.D. in history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is an Associate Professor of History at Clemson University. He is the author of *Shattered Spaces: Encountering Jewish Ruins in Postwar Germany and Poland*.

Abstract of Lecture: In 1945, Warsaw's prewar Jewish district, Muranów, lay in ruins. Almost no physical sites of Warsaw's once rich Jewish history remained standing after the Holocaust. How have the residents of Warsaw — mostly non-Jews — dealt with the memories of this obliterated and ruined space? Prof. Meng discusses from 1945 to the present several important attempts among largely non-Jewish Poles to remember and reflect upon the history of Warsaw's Jewish past in the district of Muranów.

- **Break (3:30-3:45) Spungen Exhibit in Krannert Drawing Room**

Exhibit: An exhibit of artifacts from the Spungen Family Foundation Nazi Postal Collection: Holocaust materials related to stamps, covers, postcards, letters, bank note forgeries, and manuscripts from concentration camps & Jewish ghettos.

- **Sunday afternoon, April 12, 2015 3:45 PM Krannert Auditorium, Purdue University**
Norm Conard and Jack Mayer
Lowell Milken Center, Ft. Scott, Kansas
Lecture: *Life in a Jar*/The Irena Sendler Story

The Irena Sendler Project: In 1999, while searching for a National History Day topic, three of Norm Conard's students in rural Kansas discovered a Polish Catholic woman who had saved Jewish children in Warsaw during WWII. Few had heard of Irena Sendlerowa in 1999. Now, after 350 presentations of *Life in a Jar*, a website with huge usage and world-wide media attention, a motion picture and award winning book (*Life in a Jar/the Irena Sendler Project*), Irena is known to the world. Norm Conard and Jack Mayer will discuss the "discovery" of Irena Sendler by Norm's students, the research for and publication of the book *Life in a Jar*, and the impact of the Life in a Jar Project on education in Poland.

Norm Conard is an Educator and the Director of the Irena Sendler Project and the Lowell Milken Center, Ft. Scott, Kansas. He taught high school history for over 30 years and is known internationally for his development of projects that teach respect and understanding among all people and for innovation in project-based learning. Norm has received local, state and national recognition for his work, including the Milken Educator Award in 1992. He has been state Kansas Teacher of the Year, National Secondary

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Social Studies Outstanding Teacher, USA Today All-American teacher, Nationally Board Certified educator, a member of the National Hall of Fame, and 2012 Kansan of the Year. Mr. Conard retired from classroom teaching in 2007 to become Executive Director of the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes.

Jack Mayer is a pediatric physician who has written short stories, poems, and essays about his years in pediatric practice and hiking the Long Trail in Vermont. He began practicing pediatrics in 1976 in Enosburg Falls, Vermont. From 1987 – 1991 Dr. Mayer was a National Cancer Institute Epidemiology Fellow at Columbia University School of Public Health in New York City, researching the molecular biology of childhood cancer. He was also a pediatrician with Columbia's General Pediatric Group Practice. Dr. Mayer established Rainbow Pediatrics in Middlebury, VT, where he continues to practice primary care pediatrics. He is an Instructor in Pediatrics at the University of Vermont School of Medicine and a J-term adjunct faculty for Middlebury College pre-med students. He is the author of *Life in a Jar*.

Break (4:45-5:00) Spungen Exhibit in Krannert Drawing Room

- **Sunday afternoon, April 12, 2015 5:00-6:35 PM, Krannert Auditorium, Purdue University**
Screening: *The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler*: Hallmark, 2009. 95 minutes
- **Sunday evening, April 12, 2015 7:30 PM, Krannert Auditorium, Purdue University**
Presenter: Danny Spungen and local Holocaust survivors

A conversation with local Holocaust survivors and philanthropist Danny Spungen, a collector and philatelist who has acquired Holocaust materials related to stamps, covers, postcards, letters, bank note forgeries, and manuscripts from concentration camps & Jewish ghettos.

- **Monday evening, April 13, 2015 7:00 PM**
McCutcheon High School, Dan Kinsey Auditorium
Life in a Jar, directed by Stella Schafer

McCutcheon High School students first presented *Life in a Jar* in 2009 and collaborated with some of the original cast members in 2011 to present *Life in a Jar* at the Children's Museum in Indianapolis—an unprecedented production combining the original cast and students from another high school. As a result of the collaboration, Norm Conard invited the McCutcheon students to tour the Midwest to present Irena's story. With a rotating group of students who are committed to help repair the world, the McCutcheon cast, *Life in a Jar's* "second generation," has presented in several areas of Indiana. This presentation is open to the public. Voluntary donations to the *Life in a Jar* Foundation to benefit the elderly in Poland who risked their lives to save Jewish children will be appreciated.

- **Tuesday evening, April 14, 2015 4:30-8:00 PM**
Purdue University, Discovery Learning Research Center, 207 South Martin Jischke Drive, WL

A workshop for educators, featuring a special presentation of *Life in a Jar* and a discussion of Holocaust education led by Jack Mayer and Norm Conard. The 2014 recipients of the Engel Education Award for Holocaust Education will also discuss their projects. Space is limited. Educators should register in advance. Registration and materials provided free to registered participants by the Ackerman Center for Democratic Citizenship, Purdue University. Contact Sarah Powley at spowley@tsc.k12.in.us.