The Holocaust in Poland:
A Terrible yet Extraordinary History

Thursday, November 15, 2012
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Dorothy Young Center for the Arts
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On October 12, 1940, the Germans established the Warsaw ghetto where over 83,000 Jews eventually died of starvation and disease. Tens of thousands more were killed in the ghetto; the hundreds of thousands who remained alive were eventually deported to death camps. This tombstone, in the Warsaw Jewish cemetery, engraved in both Hebrew and Polish, is in memory of all who perished in the ghetto itself.

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Between September 1942 and October 1943, Irena Sendler along with other members of Zegota (the Polish Council for Aid to Jews), smuggled over 2500 Jewish children out of the Warsaw ghetto. Sendler stored the names of these children in a jar, with hopes that she would be able to re-unite them with their parents after the war. *Life in Jar* is a dramatic representation of this story, written in 1999 by high school students in Uniontown, Kansas. A corps of these students, now adults, continue to perform the story.

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Irena Sendler. Photo courtesy USHMM
Birkenau, tracks leading to the death camp.
Photo courtesy Ann L. Saltzman
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8:30 a.m.  Registration and coffee

9:00 a.m.  Introduction
Ann L. Saltzman, Professor Emerita of Psychology; Director, Drew University Center for Holocaust/Genocide Study

9:15 a.m.  Keynote Address:
The Holocaust in Poland: A Complicated History
Natalia Aleksiun, Associate Prof. of Modern Jewish History at the Graduate School of Jewish Studies at Touro College (NYC)

10:45 a.m.  Introduction of morning speakers
Joshua Kavaloski, Associate Prof. of German Studies; Assistant Director, Drew University Center for Holocaust/Genocide Study

11:00 a.m.  The Righteous of Poland
Stanlee J. Stahl, Executive Vice President, The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, NYC

11:30 a.m.  Testimony and excerpts from the documentary film
No. 4 Street of Our Lady
Frances Malkin, Holocaust survivor

12 noon  Lunch

1:00 p.m.  Performance of Life in a Jar followed by talk-back with cast and director

Up to 6 continuing education units available for educators
Registration: $20 per person
Registration fee may be waived for individuals requesting a subsidy.

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