

Antisemitism, Hate and Social Responsibility

Rodef Shalom Congregation, Pittsburgh



November 10 | Agenda

12:15-1:00 pm **Registration**

1:00-1:15 pm **Greeting**

1:15-2:30 pm **Keynote #1 with Q&A**

Dr. Michael Berenbaum is a writer, lecturer, and teacher consulting in the conceptual development of museums and the development of historical films. He is director of the Sigi Ziering Institute: Exploring the Ethical and Religious Implications of the Holocaust at the American Jewish University where he is also a Professor of Jewish Studies.

2:45-3:50 pm **Keynote #2 with Q&A**

Dr. Peter Hayes, author of "Why? Explaining the Holocaust," specializes in the histories of Nazi Germany and the Holocaust and, in particular, in the conduct of the nation's largest corporations during the Third Reich. He taught at Northwestern for thirty-six years from 1980 to 2016, in the process winning several awards. The recipient of numerous research fellowships and a former member of the academic boards of several professional societies and Holocaust memorial sites, Prof. Hayes currently serves as the chair of the Academic Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

3:50-4:20 pm **Tabling**

4:20-5:45 pm **Panel Discussion**

Speakers include:

Ken Jacobson, Deputy National Director, Anti Defamation League

Dr. Peter Hayes, Professor Emeritus, Northwestern University

Dr. Mary Johnson, Senior Historian, Facing History and Ourselves

Moderated by Dr. Michael Berenbaum

6:00-7:00 pm **Dinner and Roundtable Discussions**

7:15-8:45 pm **Film Screening and Discussion**

Patrice O'Neill is a filmmaker, journalist and leader of Not In Our Town, a community-based movement of people working to stop hate together. She has produced the successful Not In Our Town national series on PBS and led a multi-platform approach that utilizes documentary film, social networking, outreach and organizing efforts to encourage dialogue and community action. Her team launched NIOT.org, a social media community resource and film site, and Not In Our School, which includes anti-bullying campaign resources for teachers and students.

8:45-9:00 pm **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Michael Berenbaum

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7:45-8:30 am **Registration and Breakfast**

8:30-9:30 am **Morning Keynote with Q&A**

Dr. Rachel Kranson, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Pittsburgh, is the Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Religious Studies. She specializes in modern Jewish history, Judaism in America, religion in America, gender studies, and the Holocaust.

9:45-11:15 am **Morning Breakout Sessions (more information coming soon)**

11:30 am -12:30 pm **Lunch and Announcements**

12:40-2:10 pm **Afternoon Breakout Sessions (more information coming soon)**

2:20-3:50 pm **Afternoon Keynote with Q&A**

*Dr. Kathleen Blee is the Bettye J. and Ralph E. Bailey Dean of the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences and the College of General Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. A highly productive scholar who communicates her research through both scholarly articles and books, Blee has published 79 journal articles, encyclopedia entries and book chapters. Her latest book, *Understanding Racist Activism: Theory, Methods and Research*, was published in 2017.*

Dr. Mary Johnson is the Senior Historian at Facing History and Ourselves. Mary Johnson began her teaching career as a Peace Corps Volunteer Teacher in Northern Nigeria. She earned her Masters and Doctoral degrees from Washington University. Following graduate school, she taught Women's Studies and European History at Washington University and Temple University and spent a year as a visiting fellow at the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women. Since 1983 she has been with Facing History and Ourselves, facilitating seminars and workshops, writing curricula and conducting research. Currently, she is conducting research on sexual violence during the Holocaust and genocide and deepening understanding of the Nanjing Safety Zone and other examples of safety zones during atrocities.

Shannon Foley Martinez, a former neo-Nazi skinhead, has two decades of experience in developing community resource platforms aimed at inoculating individuals against violence-based lifestyles and ideologies. Foley Martinez has worked in at-risk communities teaching and developing dynamic resiliency skills. She has worked for school systems, nonprofits, and community organizations. Martinez now works as the Program Manager for Free Radicals Project, as well as being a US Regional Coordinator for AVE (the Against Violence and Extremism Network)—the largest network of former violence-based extremists and survivors of extremist violence in the world. Martinez has also assisted in training law enforcement officers, building programs for educators, and collaborating with tech companies like Google and Twitter.

3:50-4:00 pm **Closing Remarks**

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4:00-5:00 pm **Teacher Networking**

“How do you deal with hate in your schools?”

Organizations leading breakout sessions, co-sponsoring, and/or providing resources to educators include, in alphabetical order: Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives, Anti-Defamation League, Carnegie Mellon University, Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, City for the Cultures of Peace, Duquesne University, ettyplay, Facing History and Ourselves, Free Radicals Project, Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh, Jack Buncher Foundation, Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh's Center for Loving Kindness, Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, Just Theater, LIGHT Initiative, Not In Our Town, Rodef Shalom Congregation, Southern Poverty Law Center, University of Pittsburgh's Departments of German and Jewish Studies, and Western States Center

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