



The Sound of the Siren: Commemorative Reflection on the History of the Holocaust and the Rise of Global Antisemitism

The Sound of the Siren: Heeding the Warning Signs of Intolerance, Racism and New Forms of Antisemitism.
Thursday, May 9, 2024 | Reception 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm | Program 6:15 pm – 8:45 pm

This program will serve as an interactive, immersive discourse and educate participants to be aware of the dangers of intolerance, racism and to be an advocate for global peace and equality for all. Reports and information will be shared from scholars, in the fields of antisemitism, foreign policy and counterterrorism as well as first-hand accounts of genocide committed against the Jews during World War II, as recounted by Holocaust Survivors. An in-depth discussion will ensue on discriminatory practices, genocide and ethnic cleansing with the rise of the Far-Right Populist Movement in Europe and the causes and consequences of the radical right as it fuels antisemitic tropes and draws on the pogroms of the past to threaten civil society.



Ambassador Jonathan Miller is the Deputy Permanent Representative, Mission of Israel to the UN, since August 2022. A senior diplomat with over 30 years' experience, including postings in Kenya (1992-1997), Norway (1997-2000), Germany (2002-2007), India (2013-14) and the Gulf region. Prior to his posting to the United Nations in New York, was Special Envoy for Energy at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dealing with issues of regional and global energy diplomacy and initiatives. Ambassador Miller holds a BA in International Relations from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, a MA in Political science from the University of Haifa, a diploma in Organizational Development and Change from Tel Aviv University and is a graduate of the Israel National Defense College.

Steven A. Goldberg is the Director of Education of the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center (HHREC) in White Plains. After teaching global history and geography at Edgemont HS for sixteen years, he taught and served as social studies department chairman for the City School District of New Rochelle for 30 years. He also was an adjunct professor at Manhattanville College where he taught a course on Holocaust films. A past president of both the New York State Council for the Social Studies and the National Council for the Social Studies, he has also served as a consultant to the New York State Department of Education. Among his responsibilities for the HHREC is the planning and implementation of professional development activities for teachers, including organizing and leading biennial educational trips to Germany and Poland. He also coordinated the writing of an extensive on-line

curriculum on teaching the Holocaust and other genocides. He has conducted workshops and seminars on a wide range of curricular and pedagogical topics, including teaching the Holocaust and the history of antisemitism, throughout New York State. Most recently, he has made presentations to teachers, students and the community-at-large on "Exploring the Symbols and Language of Hate" in several Westchester County school. Steve has authored several books, such as Brief Review in Global History and Geography (on-going since 1999) and the Goethe Institute's Focus on Germany and Let's Explore Modern Germany (2013) and has translated two books on the lives of immigrant children from German into English. Among his many honors, he received the Shapers of Destiny Award (1999) from the HHREC, the Melvin Miller Outstanding Social Studies Leader Award from the National Social Studies Supervisors' Association (2014), and the Lifetime Achievement Award (2017) from the New York State Council for the Social Studies. Steve received his bachelor's degree in history from the University of Rochester and a master's degree from Yale University. He was a Fulbright Fellow to the Netherlands. He participated in two summer teacher academies of Centropa in Warsaw and Krakow, and in Prague, Vienna and Berlin.



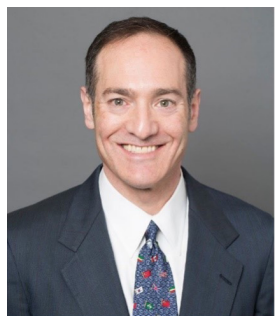
the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations in New York for over a decade, occupying various positions, including for a brief period

Ambassador Angel Angelov, Ph.D. is the Consul General of the Republic of Bulgaria in New York, is a senior diplomat and a scholar of international relations and diplomacy. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria in 2006 and served in

of time, the Deputy Permanent Representative and Permanent Representative—focusing on political and security affairs, including on the work of the UN Security Council. Before returning to New York in 2022 to assume the position of Consul General he was heading the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Department at the Bulgarian foreign ministry, where he was overseeing the activities of the Bulgarian diplomatic missions to the region and cooperating with the heads of the MENA embassies in Bulgaria. During that time, he gained experience in EU election observation in the Middle East and participated in the drafting of the Bulgarian National Action Plan for combating Anti-Semitism and Preservation of the Jewish heritage. His professional background includes more than two decades of academic teaching in Europe and North America, training for diplomats, and management of academic projects. He earned a PhD in Political Science from Sofia University and has postgraduate degrees from the University of Geneva and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy; the University of Bologna; and the University of Athens. He was a Visiting Scholar at Columbia University, a Jean Monnet Research Fellow at the University of Cambridge, and a Marie-Curie Pre-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Kent. Ambassador Angelov has authored forty academic and media publications.

Since 2022 he has been appointed by the Bulgarian government as Consul General in New York, covering nine states in the Northeastern USA. In 2023 he was elected as Vice President for Europe I and member of the Executive board of the Society of Foreign Consuls in New York. Before assuming his current position, Dr. Angelov was heading the Middle East and North Africa Department at the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2021-22) and serving in the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the UN in New York (2008-2020), occupying various positions, including Deputy Permanent Representative. He joined the foreign

service of Bulgaria in 2006. Dr. Angelov has extensive expertise in multilateral diplomacy and area studies (the Middle East, the Balkans, and Eastern Europe). His professional background includes over two decades of university teaching in Europe and North America, training for diplomats, management of academic projects, and journalism. Dr. Angelov has participated in over a hundred academic conferences.



Scott Richman serves as the Director for ADL's largest regional office covering New York and New Jersey. He oversees the work of the region, which includes incident response, anti-bias education, legislative initiatives, educational programs,

fundraising and leadership development – all designed to fight antisemitism and combat hate in all its forms. This is reflected in his weekly national podcast called “From the Frontlines.” He is an experienced advocate dedicated to developing community partnerships and initiatives that provide justice, equality and fair treatment for all.

Richman comes to ADL from the American Jewish Committee (AJC) where he served as Regional Director for Westchester (NY) and Fairfield (CT) Counties. In that role, he was responsible for directing the day-to-day operations of this top regional office dedicated to advocacy on key issues impacting the American Jewish community.

He came to AJC as an experienced Jewish professional, having served for 10 years at the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) aiding the rebirth of Jewish life in the Former Soviet Union, and three years as the founding Director of Dor Chadash, a non-prof-

it startup which engaged young professionals in the New York area.

Richman was a practicing attorney and investment banker before becoming a Jewish professional. He worked at a firm specializing in international law and in public finance at Merrill Lynch. He received his undergraduate degree in finance from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, and he earned his law degree from Brooklyn Law School. Scott subsequently completed an executive certificate program at Columbia University's Business School in nonprofit management.

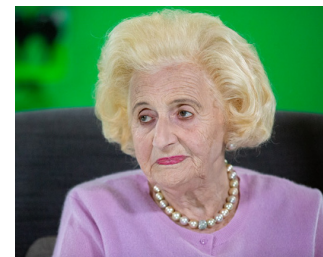
Scott is married with two grown children and lives in Westchester County.



Yfat Barak-Cheney is the WJC's Director of International Affairs and Director of Technology and Human Rights. Through her work, Yfat engages with stakeholders such as governments, international organizations, civil society and tech companies on issues of hate speech and antisemitism on-

line, Holocaust Denial and Distortion online, using technology for education and more. Yfat earned an LL.M in International Legal Studies from New York University where she was a Transitional Justice Yfat Scholar and an International Law and Human Rights Fellow. She also holds an LL.M (with honors) from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where she also received her L.L.B and a B.A in International Relations, receiving an award for outstanding international law student. Yfat clerked with the International Law Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel and interned with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva. She also spent a year as a fellow with the criminal justice department of the International Cen-

ter for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) in New York and several months with the ICTJ Bogotá office. She previously worked with the Ministry of Justice Unit for Combating Human Trafficking and in several NGO's. Yfat is a co-founder of ALMA – Association for the Promotion of International Humanitarian Law in Israel. She is an International Law instructor for the American Red Cross and a pro-bono attorney for immigration and asylum cases. She is a member of the New York Bar and the Israeli Bar Association.



Born in 1928 in Shiauliai, Asia Shindelman is a Holocaust Survivor and Genocide Survivor Advocate Born in 1928 in Siauliai, Lithuania. Asia was twelve years old when Germany occupied

her hometown in June 1941. For three years, she lived with her family of five in a small room in the Siauliai ghetto. Some of Asia's worst memories came from her time there when she witnessed roundups of children and was forced to watch a public hanging. In July 1944, they were deported to Stutthof concentration camp where Asia and her mother were separated from her father and uncle. Asia's grandmother was gassed immediately. In Stutthoff, Asia worked as a slave laborer until January 1945 when prisoners were forced to a death march. She and her mother were liberated in March 1945. Five months later, they reunited with Asia's father. Hoping to find Asia's older brother, whose track they lost in the beginning of the war, they returned to Siauliai only to realize that he was killed in 1941. In 1991, Asia and her family immigrated to the USA, and now she lives in Wayne, New Jersey. Asia has been a frequent international speaker for Holocaust education, including at the United Nations and the New York City Bar Association, among other institutions.



Sami Steigmann is a Holocaust Survivor who was born on December 21, 1939 in Czernowitz, Bukovina, part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, which later became part of the former Soviet Union; today it is a region in Ukraine. From

1941 through 1944, he was captured with his parents in Ukraine at Mogilev-Podolsky, a labor camp in the area called Transnistria. Being too young to work, Sami was subjected to Nazi medical experimentation in his early years, but has no recollection of those years. However, he has felt and still experiences the tragic side effects every single day of his life. The camp was liberated by the Red Army and his family was deported by the Romanians, not by the Germans. He grew up in Transylvania, in a small town called Reghin. In 1961, his whole family immigrated to Israel, where he served in the Israeli Air Force. In 1968, without knowing English and with no money, Sami came to the United States, where he lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1983, he returned to Israel; however, in 1988, he came back to the United States, choosing New York City as his final home. Sami established the Reghina, Nathan, and Sami Steigmann Family Peace and Tolerance Education Fund. The Fund enables Sami to share his life experience with audiences all over the world. Sami is dedicated to reach as many young people as he can, nationally and internationally, to promote tolerance. On February 17, 2016, Sami was recognized for his life's achievement when he received the Harmony Power Award from the Museum of Tolerance in New York City. He also received a proclamation from the New York State Assembly recognizing his perseverance in his plight against prejudice and honoring him for his courage and compassion

for his relentless efforts in speaking with students and visitors to New York, drawing their attention to the Holocaust and the need for healing. This is Sami's second year on the Panel of the United Nations Committee's International Holocaust Remembrance Day Event at the New York City Bar.



Daniel E. Karson is a lawyer and business risk consultant. His 50 years' experience includes public service as a prosecutor, and a long career at Kroll Associates. His work at Kroll comprised major fraud investigations, the Committee

on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFI-US), the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), litigation support, contests for corporate control, Internet and financial crimes, asset searches, product counterfeiting and due diligence. He joined Kroll as General Counsel, when the company had 12 employees, and retired in 2018 as Chairman, Americas and New York Office Head, with the firm then at more than 2000 professionals around the world. He worked extensively in North and South America, Europe and Asia, and opened Kroll's offices in London, Philadelphia and Boston. He has served as a Continuing Legal Education instructor, and as chair, panelist and subject matter expert at more than 100 professional conferences, and has been interviewed frequently for media articles, on cable, network and radio broadcasts on a wide variety of issues. Dan is an active member of the New York City Bar Association and is also engaged in volunteer work in his community of Mamaroneck, New York. He is currently chair of its Ethics Board. As chair of the Subcommittee on Antisemitism of the NYCBA's Committee on European Affairs, Dan was the principal researcher and author of the committee's 2022 report "The Rise of Antisemitism in Europe – Could De Facto Again Become De Jure?"



Trevor S. Norwitz is a partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in New York where his practice focuses on M&A and corporate governance. Hailing from Cape Town, South Africa, he is a graduate of the University of Cape Town, Oxford

and Columbia Law School, where he has also been teaching a seminar on M&A for 20 years. A former Chair of the New York City Bar M&A Committee, Trevor is also active in the International Bar Association, American Bar Association and American Law Institute, and he frequently writes and speaks on matters relating to corporate law and governance, as well as (on occasion) on matters of human rights and international humanitarian law. Since October 7, he has written several articles in the Times of Israel, including on the "genocide" decision of the International Court of Justice and the appropriation and abuse of the legacy of "apartheid". His critique of the Goldstone Report on the first Gaza war and subsequent engagement with Justice Richard Goldstone was influential in Justice Goldstone's reversal of his position regarding Israel's alleged commission of war crimes in that conflict. Among numerous extras-curricular involvements, he is on the Advisory Board of the Bernstein Institute of Human Rights at NYU Law School and has served on The Committee on Holocaust Denial and State-Sponsored Antisemitism of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Mr. Norwitz was recently appointed to the ABA Taskforce on Antisemitism.



Liora Michelle (performing Holocaust Remembrance melody) is a critically acclaimed soprano who performed largely in Australia as principal with Melbourne City Opera, and in the

NY metropolitan area at Steinway Hall, Weill Hall, the Roerich Museum, 92Y, and for New York Grand Opera in Central Park, among others. She has also performed in Japan, France, Canada, and Estonia. Liora was nominated by the Manhattan Association of Cabarets and Broadway World for Best New York Cabaret Debut. Liora had the privilege of performing in Sophia Romma's critically acclaimed play, "The Past Is Still Ahead", at the Montauk Library and at the Theatre for the New City.



Rabbi Shalom M. Paltiel (delivering prayers of peace) is a Shliach-emissary of the Lubavitcher Rebbe in

Port Washington, Long Island, and director of Chabad of Port Washington since he was sent there by the Rebbe in 1991. Under his inspired leadership, Chabad has built an impressive 2-acre campus including a well-established synagogue, preschool, summer camp, mikvah, and a community & athletic center. After graduating at the Oholei Torah College in Brooklyn, Rabbi Paltiel attended the Rabbinical College of Australia in Melbourne. He later went on to do graduate work at the Rabbinical College of America in Morristown, NJ, and was ordained in 1990 at the Central Yeshivah Tomchei Temimim Lubavitch in New York. As part of his rabbinic training, he has also visited remote Jewish communities in Canada, the Orient and the former Soviet Union, where he was part of the group who established the Yeshiva for higher learning in St. Petersburg (then Leningrad), Russia. Rabbi Paltiel is an engaging, dynamic speaker who touches his audiences with his

blend of wisdom, warmth, passion and humor. He possesses the ability to teach Torah and traditional ideals in a modern context, making them relevant to the modern mind and heart. He is sought after as a guest lecturer for Chabad House groups and Shabatons across the country. Rabbi Paltiel lives in Port Washington with his wife Sara. They are blessed with 11 children and two daughters in law.

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Moderator: Sophia Murashkovsky Romma is the Producing Artistic Director, Chief Executive Officer of Garden of the Avant-Garde Film and Theatrical Foundation and an International Human Rights Attorney. Possessing over twenty-five years of experi-

ence, Dr. Sophia Murashkovsky Romma is recognized for her prowess in the fields of arts and entertainment, international law, human rights and academia. Currently, she serves as the producing artistic director and chief executive officer of The Garden of the Avant-Garde Film and Theatrical Foundation, where she offers programs in filmmaking, screenwriting, directing and playwriting. The foundation's goal is to help emerging writers and artists develop their skills, particularly women in the media industry. Equally committed to human rights and legal representation, Dr. Murashkovsky is an international law and human rights attorney who has spent much of her career practicing law in relation to minority, women's and LGBTQ+ rights, as well as counterterrorism, antisemitism/extremism and Holocaust denial matters. Additionally, she taught courses in creative writing, screenwriting and playwriting at the Frederick Douglass Creative Arts Center and the New York Film Academy and served as the Literary Manager of the Negro Ensemble Company. Recently, she was the assistant director of Touro University's Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center and the Antisemi-

tism/Extremism Foreign Police Fellow at Human Rights First. Currently, she is the adjunct professor at the New York School of Career and Applied Studies at Touro University, assistant director and is the Legal Writing Specialist at Touro University's Graduate Writing Center. Lending her expertise to film, Dr. Murashkovsky Romma produced the award-winning feature-length film, "Used and Borrowed Time," which garnered 48 domestic and international film festival awards and premiered on the red carpet at the Quad Cinema in New York in 2021. She also had sixteen stage-plays produced on Off-Off-Broadway and Off-Broadway. Outside of these efforts, Dr. Romma has been the producing artistic director at The O'Neill Film and Theatrical Foundation, Inc., since 2013, president of The International Centre for Women Playwrights since 2015 and a Board of Directors of the New York University Alumni Association for nearly a decade. Dr. Murashkovsky Romma holds a BFA in film and television and an MFA in drama and theater arts from the Tisch School of Arts at New York University. She graduates Summa Cum Laude from the Maxim Gorky Literary Institute and subsequently received a PhD in philology with a minor in French. She also earned her Masters of Law Degree in international human rights and racial justice from Fordham University School of Law.



Susan J. Kohlmann, Esq.
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Susan Kohlmann has tackled some of the most significant issues the content, media, and entertainment industry has faced. Representing entertainment and media industry giants, including film studios and television networks, new technology companies,

and others in media and entertainment, she deftly navigates clients at the convergence of content and technology. Susan litigates cases to clarify the reach and application of federal law to new technologies and their content distribution platforms and resolves critical issues threatening her clients' ability to exploit their creative works and key brands. With a keen appreciation for the tension between protecting content and the desire to distribute it widely, Susan helps clients consider possibilities, manage risk, and ensure maximum protection in taking their businesses forward. Susan guides clients in recognizing which issues are worth a fight. Then she forges a litigation strategy, leaving no stone unturned to achieve success. A litigation trailblazer, Susan secured a \$100 million trademark infringement dispute win for ViacomCBS over an MTV reality show title. Susan represented Diageo in connection with its famous Bulleit whiskey brand, successfully enjoining the continued sale of Redemption whiskey following a three-week jury trial in which the jury confirmed that Diageo's Bulleit brand was famous and that Deutsch & Sons' Redemption bottle diluted its distinctiveness. Susan has also protected at trial and on appeal John Steinbeck's estate's right to control the use of the author's iconic works. Susan is currently serving a two-year term as President of the New York City Bar.

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