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Hundreds Honor Betty Allenberg Goldstein at L'Chaim 2016

Hundreds of friends of Betty Allenberg Goldstein and the BHEC joined together in August to honor Betty and to celebrate Holocaust education in Alabama.

The program included performances by Ray Reach and his band, regaling the crowd with tunes by Betty's favorite, Frank Sinatra. The drama class from Benjamin Russell High School performed their award-winning production of *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, and Temple Emanu-El Cantor Jessica Roskin sang.

The event raised over \$300,000 for the Holocaust Center and our outreach programs. The funds from *L'Chaim* ensure the BHEC can continue providing resources for classrooms throughout the state of Alabama.

L'Chaim Co-Chair Joel Rotenstreich describes Betty as "a giver, doer, goer, helper, and more. She is all heart, and the first one

there." Betty's behind-the-scenes work through the years has helped the BHEC grow and develop valuable new partnerships.

The event was hosted at the Sirote Theater in UAB's Alys Stephens Center's, a fitting tribute to honor Betty in the theatre named for her long-time friend and companion Morris Sirote.

As always, a wonderful cadre of bakers from throughout the community prepared delicious treats for attendees to enjoy at the dessert reception following the performances.

The program was developed and produced by BHEC Vice President Deborah Layman. Carole Pizitz and Joel Rotenstreich co-chaired the fundraising efforts. Nik Layman photographed the event. Pam Ruttenberg provided the beautiful flowers. Church Street Coffee & Books served coffee at the reception coordinated by BHEC Vice President Denise Lewis.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

"A truly amazing program today...thanks to all that made it happen."

"A magnificent performance!"

"After we took our pictures with the survivors, we were walking back to the dressing room and one of the survivors came up to us and showed us her number... That is something that I'll never forget."



Benjamin Russell High School student performing at L'Chaim.



Mothers & Daughters: Amy Goldstein Chauvin, Honoree Betty Allenberg Goldstein, Joan Becker, and Lauren Becker.



The Holocaust In Film

FREE

Emmet O'Neal Library, 50 Oak Street, Mountain Brook, 205-879-0459

Discussion led by Dr. André Millard, UAB



**Sunday, January 22,
2:00 pm**
Mr. Kaplan

A good-natured foray into Yiddishkeit humor, about a down-trodden Jewish retiree who wants to make the world a better place and is working off a classic case of survivor's guilt by unmasking an alleged Nazi fugitive.

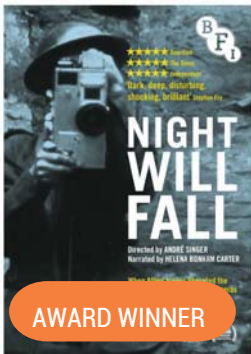
2014 | 98 min
Subtitles | Not Rated



**Thursday, January 26
6:30 pm**
Son of Saul

In the horror of 1944 Auschwitz, a Hungarian prisoner, forced to burn the corpses of his own people, finds moral survival by trying to salvage from the flames the body of a boy he takes for his son.

2015 | 107 min
Subtitles | Rated R



**Monday, January 30
6:30 pm**
Night Will Fall

Using archival footage from a never-completed film documenting the grim scenes that met liberating troops in 1945, as well as testimony from both survivors and liberators, this is a movie about a movie, a movie about the Holocaust, and a movie about remembering the Holocaust.

2014 | 78 min
Subtitles | Not Rated



**Sunday, February 5
2:00 pm**
The People vs. Fritz Bauer

This film documents the efforts of German District Attorney Fritz Bauer to prosecute Adolf Eichmann, while Germany's postwar government is still infested with the politicians who were in power under Hitler.

2016 | 105 min
Subtitles | Rated R



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Leader

Rachel Krantz & Edward Goldstein**, Corinne Goldstein & Robert Jenkins, & Amy Goldstein Chauvin

In honor of Betty Allenberg Goldstein, with love and pride from her children and grandchildren.

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AT THE OFFICE

New Staff Member!

The BHEC welcomes our new Office Coordinator, Rachel McElroy. Rachel has a master's degree in Public Administration and a bachelor's degree with a double major in history and international studies from UAB. Rachel also owns a photography business specializing in child portraiture. Prior to joining the BHEC, Rachel worked at the Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest. She is very excited to be joining the BHEC team.

Internship Program

The BHEC said goodbye to some of its most devoted interns this month when Samantha Doucet and Paige Estefan graduated and finished their time with us. Their help in our Holocaust Studies Library and archives were invaluable in getting both ready for researchers and other users.

We will be welcoming two new interns this spring with UAB student Zoe Zaslowsky joining us to work on editing our film archives and Birmingham-Southern College student Bryan Moseley researching survivors during his January term.

The BHEC accepts interns year-round. Contact the BHEC at 205.795.4176 or email information@bhamholocausteducation.org for more information.

Clockwise: Student performers pose with local survivors; floral arrangement by Pam Ruttenberg; Cathy Friedman, Carole Pizitz, Honoree Betty Goldstein, and Joel Rotenstreich; Survivor Martin Aaron; Sheryl Perlstein and Survivor Riva Hirsch; Survivor Ruth Siegler and Jessica Roskin; Survivor Robert May and BHEC President Phyllis Weinstein.





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Dates to Remember

The Holocaust in Film	January 22	Verdi's Requiem	March 30-April 1
Emmet O'Neal Library	January 26	Alabama Symphony Orchestra	
	January 30		
	February 5		
BHEC Teacher Cadre	January 24	Yom HaShoah / Holocaust Remembrance Programs	
	March 16	Birmingham, Temple Beth-El	April 23
		State of Alabama, Montgomery	April 25
The Green Book	February 14	Holocaust History Walk	May 7
Red Mountain Theatre	February 16-19	L'Chaim 2017	August 20
		Alys Stephens Center	
BHEC Book Club	March 14		

The mission of the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center (BHEC) is to educate the people of Alabama about the history of the Holocaust so that new generations will apply the lessons of the Holocaust to the construction of a more just, humane, and tolerant future. By preserving and sharing the stories of local Holocaust survivors and commemorating the events of the Holocaust and the lives of those who perished, the BHEC seeks to promote a moral and ethical response to prejudice, hatred, and indifference for the benefit of all humanity.