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## Holocaust Memorial Center to host author of book on women escaping ISIS

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Local author Dunya Mikhail will speak on her book, "The Beekeeper: Rescuing the Stolen Women of Iraq," at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.

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Dunya Mikhail, the author of "The Beekeeper: Rescuing the Stolen Women of Iraq," will speak at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills on Sunday, Feb. 16.

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Her lecture begins at 2:30 p.m. and is free with museum admission or membership.

Her book is the true story of a beekeeper who risks his life to rescue enslaved women from Daesh, also known as ISIS.

As background, since 2014, Daesh has been brutalizing the Yazidi people of northern Iraq, which includes enslaving young girls and women.

The book tells the harrowing stories of several women who escaped the clutches of Daesh.

Mikhail extensively interviews these women—who’ve lost their families and loved ones, who’ve been sexually abused, psychologically tortured, and forced to manufacture chemical weapons—and as their tales unfold, an unlikely hero emerges: a beekeeper, who uses his knowledge of the local terrain, along with a wide network of transporters, helpers, and former cigarette smugglers, to bring these women through the war-torn landscapes of Iraq, Syria, and Turkey, back into safety.

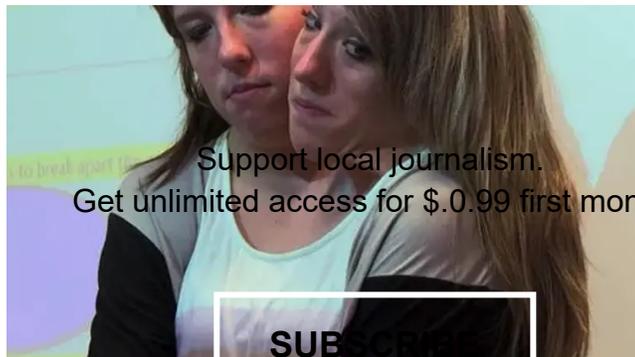
To RSVP for the event, call 248-553-2400, ext. 128 or visit [www.holocaustcenter.org/escape](http://www.holocaustcenter.org/escape) by Thursday, Feb. 13.

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