“Leaving Hate Behind”

The Holocaust Memorial Center is hosting a membership event on Sunday, April 7, featuring Derek Black. During the program, he will be interviewed about the white nationalist movement and what led him to renounce it.

The program, “Leaving Hate Behind,” featuring an interview of Black by Michigan Radio’s “Stateside” host Cynthia Canty, will take place at 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., with each followed by a kosher dessert reception.

Black was long considered heir apparent to the white nationalist movement. His world views were shaped since birth by his godfather David Duke and his father, Don Black, a former Ku Klux Klan grand wizard who founded the white nationalism’s first website and online community, Stormfront.

While attending New College of Florida, Black came to question the fundamental beliefs at the core of his thoughts and actions. In a July 2013 letter published by the Southern Poverty Law Center, Black describes his “gradual awakening process.” He abandoned the white supremacy movement and no longer identifies with it.

Holocaust Memorial Center annual membership begins at $50 as a general member. Space is limited and RSVPs are required at (248) 536-9605.