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Emerging expert examines women's untold Holocaust experiences



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In commemoration of International Women’s Day, the Zekelman Holocaust Center on Wednesday will present “Where Are All the Women? Untold Experiences from the Holocaust.”

Katie Chaka Parks, a Wayne State University Ph.D. candidate in European history who serves as the Holocaust Center’s manager of adult education, will lead the 7 p.m. program in Farmington Hills.

The program examines how research and teaching of the Holocaust are often conducted through the lens of men and their experiences. Parks will shed light on the stories of women during that dark period and how their experiences differed because of their gender. Her dissertation research addresses the intersectionality of experiences of gender and sexuality during the Holocaust and the inclusion/exclusion of women’s experiences within museum exhibits across the United States.

“To fully understand the story of the Holocaust, we need to learn about the experiences of women as well as men,” said Ruth Bergman, Director of Education at The Zekelman Holocaust Center. “This is not a subcategory of Holocaust history, but an integral part of it. As an emerging expert in this field, Katie provides all of us a richer understanding of the Holocaust by giving voice to women’s perspectives and experiences.”

Refreshments will be served during the event. The program is free to attend, though registration is required as space is limited. Visit www.holocaustcenter.org/March to reserve.

'Where Are All the Women? Untold Experiences from the Holocaust'

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8

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