

THE Zekelman HOLOCAUST CENTER

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The Zekelman Holocaust Center to Host ‘Where Are All the Women? Untold Experiences from the Holocaust’ Program

The in-person program will be held on International Women’s Day, March 8

Farmington Hills, Mich., Feb. 22, 2023 – On Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 pm, [The Zekelman Holocaust Center](#) (The HC) will present *Where Are All the Women? Untold Experiences from the Holocaust*, featuring Wayne State University (WSU) doctoral candidate Katie Chaka Parks, manager of adult education at The HC.

In commemoration of International Women’s Day, the program will examine how research and teaching of the Holocaust is often reflected through the lens of men and their experiences. Parks will illuminate the untold stories of women during the Holocaust and acknowledge how and why their experiences were different *because* they were women.

Katie Chaka Parks is a WSU Ph.D. Candidate in European History who has taught courses for the History Department and Gender, Sexuality, and Women Studies Program. 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.”

There is no charge to attend this program. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required as space is limited. Reserve your spot at <https://www.holocaustcenter.org/March>

Program Supporters for the event are Robin & Leo Eisenberg, Susan & Robert Gordon, Sandy Schreier, Sara Guyer & Scott Straus, and Stacey & Marc Wittenberg. The Program Sponsor is the PNC Foundation. Community Partners are [The Wayne State University Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Program](#) and the University of [Detroit Mercy Women's and Gender Studies Program](#).

About The Zekelman Holocaust Center

The Zekelman Holocaust Center (The HC) is a 55,000-square-foot museum and Library Archive in Farmington Hills that teaches about the senseless murder of millions and why each of us must respect and stand up for the rights of others if we are to prevent future genocide and hate crimes.

The lessons of history are used to create a call to action, teaching visitors through the examples of those who risked their lives to save others, and asking our guests to react to contemporary challenges such as racism and prejudice.

Exhibits include artifacts such as an authentic WWII-era boxcar, video testimonies, films, paintings, and a sapling from the tree located outside Anne Frank's hiding place window that is described in her diary.

Located on the second floor above the museum, the Library Archive is an important resource for academics, the media and families researching their heritage. A national leader in innovative genocide education, The HC serves over 100,000 Michiganders each year.

Hours: Sunday through Thursday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm and Friday 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. The last admission is one hour before closing. Wheelchair accessible. Free parking. For additional information, visit www.holocaustcenter.org or call 248-553-2400.

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