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#### SUNDAY, APRIL 11 – TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010 | WALTHAM, MA | VARIOUS LOCATIONS

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**JEISH FAMILIES and CHILDREN During and After the War**

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**7:00 PM**

Keynote
Brandeis University
Rapaporte Treasure Hall
Goldfarb Library

**MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010**

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

Conference
Doubletree Hotel Waltham

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**4:30 PM**

Film Screening
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**Conference**

Waltham Doubletree Hotel, 550 Winter Street, Waltham, MA

**Keynote**

Eva Fogelman

**HOLOCAUST CHILD SURVIVORS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER LIBERATION: FROM MOURNING TO CREATIVITY**

Sunday, April 11, 2010, 7:00 pm

Brandeis University, Rapaport Treasure Hall Goldfarb Library

Renowned psychologist Eva Fogelman questions how child Holocaust survivors have channeled grief, pain, anger and helplessness into life-affirming activities of remembrance, education, tikkun olam, human rights activism, and continuity of Jewish peoplehood. She explores commonalities among these survivors, focusing on the mourning process at the core of the child survivors’ being. Ultimately, she asserts that what underlies the various forms of the final stage of mourning is a search for meaning, leading to creative expression.

**Conference Program**

- **8:30 am** Coffee and Welcome
- **9:00 am - 10:30 am**
  - **Panel I:** Jewish Parenthood and Childhood Under Siege, 1933 - 1945
    - Chair: Prof. Antony Polonsky, Brandeis University
    - 1. Parenthood in the Shadow of the Holocaust, Dalia Ofer, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
    - 2. Illegal Survival: A Case Study of Children in the Kraków Ghetto, Joanna Sliwa, Ph.D. candidate, Clark University
- **10:30 am - 11:00 am** Break
- **11:00 am - 12:30 pm**
  - **Panel II:** “Life Begins Anew”: The Complexities of the Situation of Jewish Children and Youth in Europe, 1945 - 1950
    - Chair: Prof. Eugene Sheppard, Brandeis University
    - 1. Shedding Light on Hard Times: Jewish Children in Postwar Belgium, Suzanne Vromen, Bard College
    - 2. A Zionist Home: Jewish Children, Youth, and Family after the Holocaust, Avi Patt, Hartford University
    - 3. Saving the Youngest Remnant: American Jewish Women and Child Holocaust Survivors in the Aftermath of WWII, Beth B. Cohen, California State University
- **12:30 pm - 1:30 pm** Lunch
- **1:30 pm - 3:30 pm**
  - **Panel III:** Precious Memories: Sharing and Recollecting Wartime Experiences
    - Chair: Prof. Lawrence Langer, Professor Emeritus, Simmons College
    - 1. Jewish Family Life During and After the Holocaust, Deborah Dwork, Clark University
    - 2. The Aftermath and After: Memories of Polish-Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust, Joanna B. Michlic, Brandeis University
    - 3. Child-survivor Testimonies and the Hungarian Holocaust, Rita Horváth, Bar-Ilan University, Yad Vashem, HBI Scholar-in-Residence, Spring 2010
    - 4. Shared Memory and Gender: Holocaust Memory in Survivors’ Families, Uta Larkey, Goucher College, HBI Scholar-in-Residence, Spring 2010
- **3:30 pm - 4:00 pm** Closing Remarks
  - Henryk Grynberg, writer and child holocaust survivor

**Film Screening**

“MY 100 CHILDREN” (MEAH YELADIM SHELI)

Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 4:30 pm - 6:50 pm

Brandeis University, Wasserman Cinematheque, Sachar Center International Business School

This inspiring documentary is a moving portrayal of Lena Kuchlar Silberman, an extraordinary Polish Jewish woman. In 1945/46, she gathered Jewish child survivors from orphanages in Cracow and Zakopane and then smuggled them from Poland to Palestine/Israel. Co-presented by The National Center for Jewish Film as part of Jewishfilm.2010, NCJF’s 13th Annual Film Festival.