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THE WILLIAM BREMAN JEWISH HERITAGE MUSEUM MEMBER NEWSLETTER

An American Premiere: The Lodz Ghetto Album

Humanity and horror intermingle in the historically compelling clandestine photographs taken by Henryk Ross of life in the Lodz ghetto in Nazi-occupied Poland from 1940 to 1945. Many of Ross's images have become iconic statements of Holocaust brutality, but the range of his work, which has never before been seen at an American venue, challenges our understanding of the social structure of the Lodz ghetto itself.

The Breman presents the American premiere of *The Lodz Ghetto Album: Clandestine Photographs of Ghetto Life* from November 6, 2006, to February 11, 2007. The Breman is the U.S. agent for the exhibition, which is based on the Henryk Ross Collection of Lodz ghetto photography held by the Archive of Modern Conflict, London.

In the spring of 1940, the German forces occupying Poland drove the Jews of Lodz into the Holocaust's second-largest and most hermetically-sealed ghetto. The Lodz ghetto functioned both as a sweatshop serving the German war effort and as a prison for Jews en route to the death camps



Children of the ghetto. Playing as ghetto policemen.
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of Chelmno and Auschwitz. Self-governed by its Council of Elders – with its own police force, currency and postage stamps – its leader was the notorious Chaim Rumkowski. He complied with Nazi orders, believing that the value of Lodz's labor might secure survival for the majority.

History proved him decisively wrong: 95% of the ghetto's inmates perished. Those who survived

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A MESSAGE FROM

The President of the Board

What an important and outstanding volunteer job I am stepping into, and what creative shoes I have to fill! I am looking forward to working with The Breman's staff and to getting to know our many volunteers and members as we celebrate our 10th-anniversary year. We are thrilled to begin the year enjoying our new status as an Affiliate of the Jewish Federation and basking in the glow of having been selected as one of three museums in Georgia to receive project funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Don't miss more details about this grant in Executive Director Jane Leavey's message on page 2 of this newsletter.

So many exhibitions and projects are being created and fine-tuned for the coming year. In the Marlene J. and William A. Schwartz Special Exhibitions Gallery, *Tzedakah: The Art of Giving* starts off our season, followed by *The Lodz Ghetto*

Album and Through the Eye of the Needle: Fabric of Survival. These last two exhibitions, one photographic and one with needlework, present powerful, poignant, personal and very different perspectives on life before and during the Holocaust. The Breman continues to strengthen its educational offerings, our partnerships with area schools, and personal enrichment opportunities for our volunteer museum educators and speakers.

There is much being done, and much more to be done, to ensure that The Breman continues to build upon its firm foundation as a vital and vibrant educational resource for people of all backgrounds. You, our members and our friends, are the source of much of our strength and success. If you are a contributor, I say "thank you" on behalf of our community, and I respectfully ask you to consider



Save the Date!

Wednesday, November 8
5-7 pm at The Breman

The Breman you helped build
is 10 years old!

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increasing your annual support. If you have not yet joined The Breman family, I invite you to do so. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you during this coming year.

L'shana Tova!

Valerie

Valerie Needle, President, Board of Trustees

A MESSAGE FROM

The Past President of the Board

In June, I “passed the gavel” to Valerie Needle, who was installed as president of The Breman Board of Trustees for the 2006-2008 term. It has been my honor and my pleasure to serve The Breman and be one of its representatives to both the Jewish and the general communities. As I look back on the two years of my presidency, I marvel at the museum’s many accomplishments:

We opened our fabulous *ZAP! POW! BAM!* exhibition, originated and created by Breman staff, to rave reviews from the press, our visitors and from some of the toughest critics – the collectors who loaned us their fabulous art and vintage comic books. After its run in Atlanta, the exhibition joined our incredibly successful Sendak exhibition “on the road.”

We launched a study to identify and implement best practices to engage Jewish students in Holocaust education. We began a strategic planning process. A number of new collections were added to the Ida Pearle and Joseph Cuba Community Archives, and we acquired the desk Leo Frank used at the National Pencil Factory at the time of his arrest for the murder of Mary Phagan. Our cookbook, *Seasoned with Love: Culinary Treasures from The Breman, Atlanta, GA*, moved ever closer to publication. Our concerts and family programs were extremely well attended. We applied for and were granted Affiliate status by the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta. More than

a thousand people in dozens of communities throughout the southeast viewed our traveling Women of Valor quilt. We presented a number of special exhibitions, one of the highlights being our experience in building community partnerships around the exhibition *Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945*, originated by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and in our gallery this past spring.

During my two-year tenure as president of The Breman’s board, our incredible cadre of volunteer museum educators, the Holocaust survivors who comprise our Speakers’ Bureau, the Board of Trustees and all of our very special volunteers gave more than 22,000 hours of their time, talent and wisdom toward presenting The Breman to our visitors, the community and the region. Behind all this is our much-loved staff. I am grateful for the privilege of serving this museum and our community. *Kol hakavod!* May The Breman continue to go from strength to strength!

Carole Goldberg



A MESSAGE FROM

The Executive Director

Sustaining cultural heritage has long been one of the museum’s main objectives. The Breman is proud to announce that we were awarded \$96,600 to fund our proposal, *Increasing the Accessibility of the Jewish Experience in Georgia*, from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The grant will make fascinating new collections available to a diverse group of researchers and is a testimony to the important work the museum continues to do to collect, preserve and interpret the Jewish experience in Georgia.

The story of the Jewish experience in our state is in danger of being lost. As the Jewish population has shifted to larger cities like Atlanta, the size of rural Jewish communities has dwindled and the material culture is disappearing or is not being recognized for its cultural value. Additionally, there is little local adequate storage for historical materials in rural communities. In order to preserve the story and the materials that represent it, The Breman has collected in communities around the state, such as Albany, Macon, Fitzgerald, Ocilla, Cordele, Brunswick, Rome, Cornelia, Dublin, Columbus, Dalton, Bainbridge, Thomasville, Quitman, Sanderville, Eatonton, Lafayette, Gainesville, Pelham, West Point, Winder, Augusta, Vidalia, and Valdosta.

The project for which we received funding includes the processing of 17 previously accessioned collections gathered from around the state and rendering the content available for research and exhibition use; transcribing, cataloging, and indexing 20 oral histories; and planning the redesign of the Blonder Family Heritage Gallery’s *Creating Community* exhibition to reflect the entire Georgia experience, thereby incorporating much of the wonderful material culture we have collected from communities outside Atlanta and introducing a number of interactive features into the gallery.

These collections contain fascinating material such as minutes from a synagogue founded in 1859 in Macon that speak about a scandal involving the investment of Confederate dollars; letters home from a student at the University of Georgia in Athens in the 1880s that reveal a young man’s angst and anger when ostracized by antisemitic fraternities; a 1920s vintage cloth banner ordering a family to leave Gainesville, Georgia, and placed on the front porch of their small business by the KKK; and a memoir from a Jewish civil rights activist in Rome,



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Tributes listed were received between November 1, 2005, and July 31, 2006. Every effort has been made
to ensure the accuracy of all information; we apologize for any errors.

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Delia Champion, in honor of her support of the special exhibition, *Nazi Persecution of
Homosexuals 1933-1945*, from Wendy Weiner
Elliott Cohen, in honor of his 70th birthday, from Lois Blonder
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Peggy Freedman, with appreciation for coordinating the Saul Family Reunion, from the Saul
Family
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Save the Date!
**The Annual Jewish
 Community Commemoration
 of Yom HaShoah,
 Holocaust Memorial Day,
 will take place**
**Sunday, April 15, 2007,
 at Greenwood Cemetery
 10:30 a.m., rain or shine**

Charlotte's Story: Letters from the Archives, 1938-1942

by Sandra Berman, Archivist

Processing manuscript collections and explicitly preparing papers for scholarly study by researchers can be exciting—or tedious—depending on the documents. Archivists are trained to impose an order on these collections, some of which hold thousands of pieces of paper, without reading each and every letter or page of minutes. Once in a while, however, a group of letters is accessioned that cannot be quickly perused or easily forgotten; a collection containing correspondence so poignant that one is drawn into the life that unfolds on each and every page. Such was the case with these letters of Charlotte Dreyfus.

Can you imagine being 15 years old, sent off alone, away from your family and your native country of Germany, for a destination in rural Georgia? And then having the responsibility of trying to save your family from the brutality of Nazism?

Charlotte's files were discovered amidst thousands documents stored for more than 50 years by The Hebrew Orphans' Home and donated to the Archives of the Breman Museum in 1989. Revealed within these files is Charlotte's escape from Nazi Germany, her arrival in West Point, Georgia, her frustrating attempts to save her parents and sister who were hopelessly detained, and finally her own development from a frightened girl of 15 into a young woman in her 20s. Charlotte's immigration was arranged by German-Jewish Children's Aid Inc.; the Atlanta Section, National Council of Jewish Women; and the Hebrew Orphans' Home, three agencies that worked together to arrange the immigration and resettlement of a number of German children in Georgia in the late 1930s. Charlotte arrived in West Point in April 1938 and settled into a foster home.



Charlotte Dreyfus, age 15

The following are some excerpts from letters from and about Charlotte:

June 27, 1938 [two months after her arrival in West Point]

Dear Mrs Wyle, [case worker at the Hebrew Orphans' Home]

...For about a month now I have been study English, some American history and geography and now I am able to write you a letter and thank both you and the organization for your kindness to me in arranging for me to come over. I am happy that I have a teacher during my holidays. She is a good teacher and she taught a long time in the West Point school. I am hoping to be able to enter the eighth grade when school starts. I have my lessons for an hour in the mornings three times a week because I know it is necessary to learn to speak English well if I plan to spend my life in America....

Following Charlotte's arrival, the German-Jewish Children's Aid Inc. worked tirelessly to reunite Charlotte with her parents and her sister Margot.

April 6th, 1939

Dear Mrs. Wyle,

...After you asked in your letter to Mrs. Spier about my people in Germany, I want to tell you all I know. Last week I had a letter from home. They wrote, that the committee notified them, that the Atlanta Section is interested in bringing my sister to America. I am hoping that my sister will be here very soon. My parents also heard from Stuttgart that their affidavit is there. I know, it will take my parents a pretty good time before they are able to come to America because their number is 25672....

Sincerely yours,
Charlotte

December 7th, 1939

Dear Mrs. Wyle,

...Today I had an air mail letter from my parents which upsets me terrible... My daddy found out that those who are in possession of a steamship card will be send when needed, will get their visa quicker than usual. He asked me for that paper. What shall I do? I know for sure that nobody will give me the money and for that reason I want to ask you if the organization wouldn't sign this paper....

Sincerely yours,
Charlotte

April 6th, 1940

Dear Mrs. Wyle,

...I had a letter from home just a few days ago. Thank God they are alright so far but I know from what I hear and read that the food is getting short over there and that especially the Jewish people don't get very much. I only hope and pray that there might be a chance soon for them to get out, at least for Margot....

Sincerely,
Charlotte

December 2, 1940

Dear Mrs. Wyle,

...Today I had a very distressing letter from my parents. They are now in occupied France, separated from each other in a camp. Of course they couldn't say much but they asked me to send them some food, and they begged me to do everything in my power to get them out of there. I don't know what to do. I know it is impossible to find someone who gives me the affidavit and the large sums of money which is now needed for their transportation. In the other hand I just have to do something. Do you know of any way by which food can reach that area?

Sincerely,
Charlotte

May 20th, 1941

Dear Mrs. Wyle,

...Everything seems to be almost perfect now; if I only wouldn't have to worry about my people. The last letter I had stated that they moved to another camp which is also in the Pyrenees Mountains. I am able to send them some food through a cousin of mine who lives in Lisbon, Portugal. I have been wishing that they would see me graduate but under the circumstances I realize that it was impossible....

June 2, 1941 [excerpt from Charlotte's graduation speech]

...I who began my school career in a land across the sea stand before you tonight in a more mature form, expressing to you my love for the land of my adoption. And thanking you people and teachers of West Point, personally for the kindness and sympathy you have shown me. I was a stranger and you took me in. You gave me courage when courage was low and heart was heavy. You bade me hope when I was despairing. This gratitude will not be packed away with class memories into the book of yesterdays, but it is written in blazing headlines over the records of Now and will color soft warm glow of love and appreciation for you.



Charlotte in 1941.

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Georgians Participate in International Conference

More than 1,500 researchers and expert genealogists met in New York City August 13 – 18 for the 26th Annual International Conference on Jewish Genealogy. The conference was sponsored by the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, Inc. (IAJGS), which is comprised of 80 Jewish genealogical societies. Representatives attended from over 20 countries, including Belarus, Canada, England, France, Israel, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia and the United States. The Jewish Genealogical Society of Georgia, a program of The Breman Museum, was represented by Gary Deutsch, Marilyn Feingold, David Feldman, Peggy Freedman, Harriette Gershon, Sandi Goldsmith, Howard Margol and Gary Palgon.

The six-day seminar offered programs covering more than 23 topics, including Holocaust research, locating the ancestral home, using court records and Jewish naming customs. Our own Gary Palgon gave two presentations titled “Using a Research Outline to Focus Your Genealogical Research,” and Howard Margol presented “Lithuanian Research—The Latest Updates.” Additionally, “Birds-of-a-Feather” sessions provided an opportunity for researchers with common interests to exchange information about subjects such as genealogical newsletters, yizkor (memorial) books, and Sephardic research. Many groups organized and/or met concerning the location from which their ancestors came, allowing researchers with roots in Lithuania, Latvia, Galicia, Grodno, South Africa, Kielce-Radom, Germany, Hungary and Bohemia-Moravia to exchange tips.

Each year the seminar is held in a different city around the world, allowing research to be conducted using the available resources of the host city. Recent years have included Las Vegas, Jerusalem and Washington D.C. Next year’s seminar is planned for Salt Lake City, which will allow access to the world’s largest Family History Library.

For more information about the Jewish Genealogical Society of Georgia, please visit www.thebreman.org/jgsg.htm or contact Gary Palgon at 770.458.6664 or jgsg@thebreman.org. Or leave a message with your question on the **JGSG Hotline, 404-575-3767**.
Membership in JGSG is included with your Breman membership!

THE LILLIAN AND A.J. WEINBERG CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Reaching Out and Educating

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) exhibition *Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945*, on display at The Breman from April through June 2006, provided resources for a variety of education courses in June. The Fifteenth Annual Summer Institute on Teaching the Holocaust attracted its largest class ever, with 35 participants coming from throughout Georgia and elsewhere, including Florida and Japan. Holocaust scholars from Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgia State, as well as accomplished educators from the USHMM Regional Education Corps, Christian academies, Jewish day schools, and public schools presented materials to teacher-participants. Holocaust survivors who are members of The Breman’s Speakers Bureau shared their stories with class members. The generous support of Eternal Life Hemshech – Organization of Survivors of Nazism, Second and Future Generations enabled many of the educators to attend this continuing education course.

Educator Abby Drue and Rebecca Stapel-Wax, director of the Rainbow Center, led “How To Be An Ally,” a workshop exploring bias and equipping attendees to stand up for themselves and others. Mental health and allied professionals attended another professional development course at The Breman titled “Psychosocial Aspects of Lethal Homophobia for Mental Health Clinicians.”

Save These Dates for Upcoming JGSG Events!

Thursdays Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 11, 10:30 am–1:30 pm
JGSG Mentoring at The Breman

Sunday, November 12, 2006 at 1:30 pm
Movie – IMAGE BEFORE MY EYES

Before World War II, Poland was the largest and most important center of Jewish creativity, scholarship, and culture in the world. Jews had lived in Poland since the twelfth century, and in 1939 Poland’s 3.5 million Jews comprised about one-tenth of that nation’s population. *Image Before My Eyes* depicts the full spectrum of Jewish life in Poland—from remote villages and small towns to major cities, and from the traditionally pious to the ardently secular. This film shows the great range of Jewish involvement in political and cultural movements such as bundism, Zionism, and anarchism, and in the creation and sustenance of educational and social institutions. Through interviews, photographs, and rare and remarkable film footage, the film pieces together a warm and evocative portrait of Jewish life in Poland between the wars. 90 min.

Sunday, January 21, 2007 at 1:30 pm
Where Genealogy Meets History
Presented by Professor Eric Goldstein of Emory University

How are genealogical methods used to research the historical background of a town? How does widening one’s focus to town history also help to lead to progress in genealogical research? Hear an expert on these issues!

All programs take place at The Breman unless otherwise noted.

Mentoring sessions are free; meetings are free to Breman members, \$5 for non-members, or \$10 for the meeting and Breman Museum admission.

The Breman library is open before meetings at 1 pm for research.

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2006/2007 Exhibitions Calendar

In the Marlene J. and William A. Schwartz Special Exhibitions Gallery



Red cedar bowl, Philip Moulthrop

Tzedakah THE ART OF GIVING

Through October 22, 2006

Inspired by the Jewish tradition of *tzedakah*—righteousness or justice—more than seventy culturally and religiously diverse artists “think outside of the box” to interpret the universal spirit of giving. Their unique, multi-dimensional works of art, created from a variety of materials, are accompanied by each artist’s personal statement of inspiration.

Sponsored by The Breman and the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta in celebration of the Federation’s Centennial Year, the exhibition celebrates the shared, multicultural value of giving of one’s self or one’s resources to those less fortunate. Bring your family!

Original artwork from the exhibition is available for purchase. Proceeds from sales support the Israel Emergency Fund.

For information about purchasing art, contact Erin Hirsch at 404-870-1614 or ehirsch@jfga.org.

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The Lodz Ghetto Album — Clandestine Photographs of Ghetto Life

November 6, 2006 – February 11, 2007

The powerful photographs of Henryk Ross captured two realities of ghetto life. A Polish-born Jew, Ross was one of two photographers employed by the ghetto’s Department of Statistics to produce identity and photographs for use by the ghetto administration. The Breman presents the American premiere of a remarkable exhibition of these photographs, on loan from the Archive of Modern Conflict, Chris Boot, Ltd., London, England.



Children in the ghetto. © Archive of Modern Conflict, 2004

This body of work represents the most extensive collection of ghetto photographs by any single photographer and adds an unexpected, complex and poignant dimension to the photographic record of the Lodz ghetto.

The Breman is the U.S. agent for this exhibition. (See article on page 1.)

CURRENTLY ON DISPLAY IN THE BREMAN’S
DISCOVERY AREA

The Smallest Witnesses: The Conflict in Darfur Through Children’s Eyes

On a mission along the border of Chad and Darfur, Human Rights Watch researchers gave children notebooks and crayons to keep them occupied while they spoke with the children’s parents. Without any instruction or guidance, the children drew scenes from their experiences of the war in Darfur: the attacks by the Janjaweed, bombings by Sudanese government forces, shootings, the burning of entire villages and the flight to Chad. The drawings of *The Smallest Witnesses* are profoundly moving in ways reminiscent of children’s art from the Holocaust.

For information about the Save Darfur Coalition of Georgia, contact Noah Levine at 404-870-1604 or nlevine@jfga.org.



Detail from “Ordered to Leave” © Art & Remembrance, Inc., 2004.

Through the Eye of the Needle: Fabric of Survival

The Fabric Art of Esther Nisenthal Krinitz

February 26 – May 25, 2007

Through spectacular embroidered panels, Esther Krinitz chronicled her remarkable journey of surviving the Holocaust in Poland. At the age of fifteen, Esther and her thirteen-year-old sister went into hiding. They disguised themselves as Catholic farmhands, living in fear for years as the war raged on. Esther and her sister lived to tell their story, although their parents, siblings and millions of other Jews did not. At the age of fifty, untrained as an artist but an expert seamstress, Esther decided to record and retell her childhood memories through vivid textile imagery.

For up-to-date information about exhibitions and programs, call 678-222-3700 or visit www.thebreman.org

Special Exhibition Season Sponsorships Available

You are invited to become a sponsor of the museum's 2006-2007 special exhibition season. Your contribution will support exhibition presentation, programs and marketing. But more importantly, your contribution will support learning, understanding, discussion, and cultural experiences for more than 40,000 visitors. These exhibitions are important as compelling educational resources and support the museum's mission to preserve Jewish heritage, to foster cross-cultural understanding, and to remember and honor the victims of the Holocaust. No cultural institution in the Southeast is better suited to present these exhibitions than The Breman.

Become a sponsor by downloading a printable sponsorship form from www.thebreman.org (click on the Support Us button at the top of any page), or contact Cherryl Goldstein at 678-222-3707 or cgoldstein@thebreman.org to make your gift or to receive more information.

The Breman is also seeking volunteers to serve on the Special Exhibition Steering Committee. Please contact Phyllis Lazarus at 404-870-7684 or plazarus@thebreman.org if you are interested in helping to plan programs or events, fundraising, or promotions for upcoming exhibitions.

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starvation rations, disease and prior deportations were removed to the gas chambers of Auschwitz when the ghetto was liquidated in 1944.

Henryk Ross was a photographer employed by the ghetto's Department of Statistics. At considerable risk to his own life, he kept a clandestine photographic diary of ghetto life in powerful and often brilliant images. When the ghetto's liquidation began, he buried the negatives. As a survivor after the war, he dug up some 3,000 negatives. Many that he released during his lifetime became icons of the Holocaust's atrocities, but only a fraction were published before Ross's death in 1991. In that same year, his archive – the most extensive collection of ghetto photographs by any single photographer – was acquired by the Archive of Modern Conflict in London.

The Lodz Ghetto Album: Clandestine Photographs of Ghetto Life at The Breman and the accompanying book, *Lodz Ghetto Album* (Chris

Boot, 2004), provide the first independent look at the entirety of Ross's ghetto photographs. Many of the images are what we expect: searing documents of the machinery of the Holocaust and the suffering of its victims. These "public" photographs represent images previously published or those very similar to or from the same sequences as those released by Ross.

But other "private" photographs are available for the first time, revealing "life in the ghetto, with happiness sometimes," as Ross states in his catalog. These scenes show aspects of "privileged" life in the ghetto – lovers in the park, children's birthday parties, bodybuilders posing for the camera. Most troubling are photographs of the milieu of the ghetto police, including parties, Rumkowski's chief of police with his rabbits, and a fat boy dressed in a ghetto police outfit "playing" at herding other children in the manner of a deportation. Those photographs have only been available in publication since 2004 and have not been exhibited in the United States.

Together with the public photographs, and the knowledge that almost everyone depicted perished in the Holocaust's gas vans and chambers, these new images add an unexpected, complex and poignant dimension to the photographic record of the Lodz ghetto. And they demand a reassessment of how we understand its social order.

**Life in the ghetto,
with happiness sometimes...**

2006-2007 SPECIAL EXHIBITION SEASON AT THE BREMAN

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All sponsors are recognized by category in alphabetical order. In addition to the above-stated recognition and benefits, we may develop additional recognition and benefits, if so desired. Sponsors may also decline any of the listed recognition and benefits. Please contact Cherryl Goldstein, Development Director, at 678-222-3707 or cgoldstein@thebreman.org regarding these and any other issues.

All contributions are tax deductible as permitted by law.

Special Information for Breman Members Over 70-1/2-Years Old

Special legislation allowing the tax-free contribution of pension funds up to \$100,000 to any non-profit may be in effect for 2006 and 2007. Make your gift to The Breman and take advantage of this legislation.

Contact your tax advisor for more details.

Make Your Mark on History

Contribute to the future and celebrate ten years of engaging with Jewish history at The Breman!

At a time when the Holocaust survivor community is aging, the material Jewish culture in small towns of the South is disappearing and antisemitic acts are taking place everywhere, The Breman's mission is vital and your support makes a difference.

In today's climate, The Breman must be innovative in its approach to education through its exhibitions, archives and programs. Your gift to The Breman ensures that future generations will learn meaningful lessons from Jewish heritage and history. A recent letter from a Marist student to a Breman Museum volunteer educator stated, "I just wanted you to know that you taught me so much more than I could have learned from a book because you taught me how I can play a role in the future."

Now your name can be added to the prestigious list of those who support The Breman's mission of public education, preservation and interpretation of Jewish heritage and culture. Underwriting opportunities for a single-year or multi-year period are available, or make a permanent gift to support a program that is meaningful to your family. The following is a short list of the types of programs that need your support:

- Author Lecture Series
- Conversations with Holocaust Survivors
- Field Trips for Student Groups to The Breman
- Family Concert Series
- State of Georgia Project

For more information, contact Cherryl Goldstein at 678-222-3707 or cgoldstein@thebreman.org.

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Georgia, which sheds light on the integration of the public school system in that community and the complicated position in which Southern Jews found themselves during that era.

Scholars have commented on the ease of using The Breman's processed collections. Unprocessed materials and oral histories are generally unavailable to researchers and the public. The IMLS grant helps to underscore The Breman's standing as a scholarly and fiscally sound institution with a vital educational and interpretive role to play in preserving and interpreting our country's and our region's cultural heritage. This recognition and support of our mission can and will be utilized in many ways over the coming months to leverage additional support for our efforts.

My best wishes for a shanah tovah,



Jane D. Leavey

Seasoned With Love: Culinary Treasures From The Breman, Atlanta, GA

Books available in time for the holiday gift season!

After three long years of thousands upon thousands of volunteer hours, The Breman is proud and very excited to announce that *Seasoned With Love: Culinary Treasures from The Breman, Atlanta, GA* arrives at the museum in November! Breman members and cookbook sponsors will celebrate and "sell-a-brate" the launch on Wednesday, November 8.

Within the pages of *Seasoned with Love*, you will find more than 300 delectable, traditional and contemporary kosher dishes served up with southern charm, hospitality, history and hope for humanity.

You will also find more than 90 historical photographs from the museum's archives, intriguing facts about Jewish Georgia, cooking tips, food traditions, and wine pairing suggestions.

Seasoned With Love has something for everyone in this cookbook, even those who think the kitchen

is the room that must be traversed in order to reach the garage! To purchase your copies today at a special pre-publication price, visit www.thebreman.org or contact Debbie James at 678-222-3737. Get your pre-publication discount through October 31.

Our heartfelt thanks to all the donors and volunteers who made this book possible. It will

generate much needed funds to support vital and valuable educational programs at The Breman.

Each year more than 40,000 individuals take advantage of the museum's educational resources; more than half of the museum's visitors are students who are studying the Holocaust.



Artist Dr. Gary Bodner and Cookbook Chair Jane Schiff show off the *Seasoned With Love* cover art.

Proceeds from the sale of *Seasoned With Love* generate on-going revenue that supports learning at The Breman. Buying *Seasoned With Love* is the tastiest mitzvah ever!

From the Comment Book—Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945

Thank you for this moving and awakening exhibition. May it serve to make all of the human race honor those who suffered such atrocities and be constantly watching and guarding against current and future actions by military, political or other forces that mimic those of the Nazi regime. — Martin

Thank you. "Never again" must mean "Never again." — Michael

The exhibition was excellently done not only as a reminder of what was done in the past, but to forewarn us of what could happen with apathetic attitudes in the future. Thanks! — Jim

Thank you so much for bringing this amazing exhibit to Atlanta. As a gay man, it is important to me that future generations learn this awful history so we can strive to treat all people equally, with dignity and respect. We must also learn to recognize and question propaganda and hate speech that targets or scapegoats any member of society. — Neil

It is horrifying — making me want to go out and change the world. If I change one person's life, they will change one person's life. If I change every life I greet, I will change the world. — Shontay

The exhibit and information contained within was incredible. Thank you for sharing countless stories and for showing us their courage. — Charlotte

Thank you for honoring the lives of these people, many of whom were not Jewish, in your museum. — Mary

The threads that bind the civilized world together are thin... We must continue to teach most vigorously. Inhumanity to man anywhere is a threat to all men everywhere. — Katrina

PEOPLE • OF • THE • BOOK

Book Talks and Signings

Free to the Public

Admission to museum galleries not included

ERIC L. GOLDSTEIN

The Price of Whiteness: Jews, Race, and American Identity

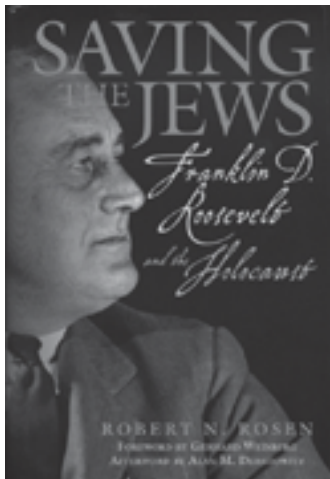
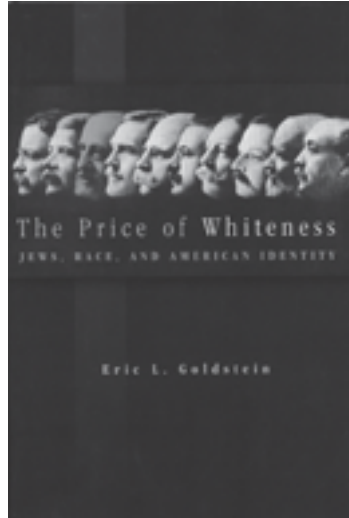
Thursday, October 5

1:30 pm at The Breman

In this original, bold and well-researched inquiry into the complicated intersections of “race” and Jewish-American identity, Emory University’s Eric Goldstein explores how Jewish immigrants gradually began to understand themselves as “white” (i.e., fully

European) when most of American did not. Q and A session will follow the presentation.

This event is co-sponsored by The Breman and The American Jewish Committee.



ROBERT N. ROSEN

Saving the Jews: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Holocaust

Sunday, November 19

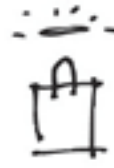
3 pm at The Breman

(please note change of venue)

Was FDR an indifferent or possibly antisemitic president who abandoned European Jews, or was he a pragmatic leader who understood that the key to saving the

Jews was winning WWII as swiftly as possible? Rosen answers this controversial question through a fascinating, passionate and convincing interpretive history. Q and A will follow.

**RSVPs for these book talks are appreciated.
Call Haven Hawley at 678-222-3700 ext. 239 or
e-mail haven@thebreman.org.**



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The Breman will receive 100% of the ticket sales and an additional \$5 for each person holding a pre-sold ticket who shops at Thursday at Bloomingdale's (must meet qualifications).

To purchase tickets, visit www.thebreman.org or contact Phyllis Lazarus at 404-870-7684 or plazarus@thebreman.org. Tickets will be sent to you, so please order by Thursday, October 19th.

Tickets may also be purchased in The Breman Gift Shop.

To volunteer for this event, please contact Phyllis Lazarus.

bloomingdales

Sunday, November 5, 1:30 pm

Film: Lodz Ghetto

**with Producer and Director Alan Adelson and a discussion
with survivors of the Lodz ghetto**

Lodz Ghetto demands its viewers' attention. It is a unique film which bridges the fictional and documentary film forms very successfully. It has an enveloping, dramatic feel and the intensifying plot of a fictional feature. Its characters speak with such intimacy and honesty that we feel them even though we can't see them.

But *Lodz Ghetto* also has the utter authenticity and absolute validity of the most scrupulously made documentary. All of its script has been taken from writings left behind by the people who were trapped in this tragically driven and hopeful community of two hundred thousand Jews.

This is a film about the horrors of the Holocaust. But because it has been taken so sensitively from the honest and poignant diaries of people struggling to survive, this is also a beautifully poetic and humane film. The written records and more than a thousand carefully sequenced and filmed images, made at great risk and left deliberately by the doomed community members, give us a revelatory understanding of what it was to be suddenly forced into a city within barbed wire, then to be worked as slaves, starved to desperation, and deprived of news and mail from the outside world.

We feel the anxiety of being in a constantly shrinking community whose members are being sent off in waves: ten thousand, twenty thousand, fifteen thousand, and ten thousand again – into the unknown.

Winner: International Film Critic's Prize; Year's Best Films: *San Francisco Examiner*, *Library Journal*

Free with museum admission

Charlotte's Story continued from page 5

January 25th, 1942 [letter from Charlotte's foster mother to Mrs. Wyle]

Dear Mrs. Wyle,

Today I have to bring you the sad news that Charlotte's father died. I had a letter from her sister Margot asking me to inform Charlotte. The letter stated that her father was sick only a week. He was suffering from diarrhea, in fact the real cause of his death is not known.

A week later Charlotte received word that her mother had died only three days after her father. The remaining letters in the files relate to Charlotte's attempts to secure Margot's release.

February 10th, 1942

Dear Mrs. Wyle,

...No doubt you have heard that my beloved parents have passed away. You can imagine how unhappy I am about it. I had always hoped and prayed that I would see them again and that I could make life more pleasant for them. I feel terribly sorry for my poor sister Margot, who is now all by her lonesome in that dreadful place and I am very worried about her. I have found two persons in West Point willing to sign an affidavit for Margot and I am very grateful for that. My dear friends at West Point are very nice to me and trying everything possible to get Margot both out of the camp and to this country. I only hope and pray that we will succeed this time....

Unfortunately Margot was not able to immigrate. America's entry in the war closed all avenues of escape. Margot remained at the camp in the Pyrenees and survived the war, however. Charlotte and her sister Margot were reunited in 1946.

In July 2006 I decided to try and locate Charlotte. The trail was cold. There were few clues, and I was not optimistic. The file ended in 1946, and my only hope was to find someone who knew Charlotte in West Point. My first call was placed to Arthur Heyman, whose aunt, Bertha Heyman, was Charlotte's mentor in West Point. He did not recall Charlotte but put me in touch with Laura Coleman, who lives in the neighboring community of Opelika, Alabama. She did not remember her either but contacted her brother, who not only recalled meeting Charlotte, but also offered to call William (Bill) Spier, the son of Charlotte's foster parents.

When the call was placed to Mr. Spier, "We hit" – in Mrs. Coleman's words – "the jackpot!" Not only did Mr. Spier remember Charlotte, but he has actually been corresponding with her for the last 60 years!

I am thrilled to report that I now have spoken to Charlotte several times. She is delighted to have her story told. We hope to travel and see her this fall, update her story and preserve it for our oral history collection.

Your continued support of the Cuba Archives of The Breman Museum allows us to preserve collections like Charlotte's.

New acquisitions to the Archives are supported by the
Rae Alice and Bernard Cohen Memorial Endowment Fund,
given with love by their children,
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Dr. Perry Cohen & Mrs. Rosalie Mandelbaum

Help the Archives by Playing History Detective!

Recognize anyone? Help the Cuba Archives by identifying anyone you recognize in these photographs, or the event or the year the event may have taken place.

The Archives holds hundreds of unidentified photographs that came from the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta photographic files and from the *Southern Israelite*. We will be featuring some of these in our upcoming newsletters. Please email your responses to sberman@thebreman.org or call 404-870-1862.



PROCESSORS WANTED!

The Cuba Archives and Library need your help. We are asking for volunteers who can commit to one day a week in either department of the museum. For more details please contact Sandra Berman at 404-870-1862.

Breman Museum Membership

Listing as of August 1, 2006. Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of all information; we apologize for any errors.

The Breman relies on revenue generated from its membership base in order to provide valuable programs and services to the community each year.

Thank you to all our members at every level. Your support makes a difference!

*Thank you and welcome to these new members who have joined The Breman since December 2005!

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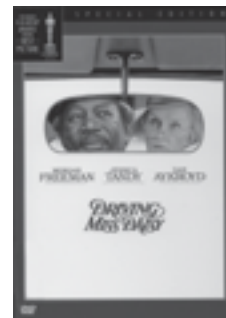
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