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Holocaust Survivors and their Families Tell Their Unforgettable Stories

The Breman Museum, Weinberg Center for Holocaust Education, and community partner Eternal Life-Hemshech present *BEARING WITNESS: Remarkable Stories from The Holocaust*, an ongoing series of talks by Holocaust survivors and their children.

Now in its 12th year this program presents Holocaust testimony by survivors who are also Atlanta residents. "Their words rise above hatred and retribution to speak about the strength and will that enabled them to survive. This really is what Bearing Witness is about, the resilience Survivors used to transcend their experiences," said Leslie Gordon, executive director of the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum (The Breman). "These survivors are your neighbors. You will be surprised to hear their stories."

Ms. Gordon continued, "We want to make sure present generations have the opportunity to hear these remarkable people. It's one thing to read about the Holocaust in a book or see a movie. It's a completely different experience to hear someone tell you 'this happened to me.' The stories are mesmerizing, and access to these speakers becomes rarer by the day."

The Breman's Bearing Witness program, now in its 12th year, has been building a loyal audience. Each year attendance increases, attracting a broader audience representing people of all backgrounds. A barrier for many to hear this live testimony from the Holocaust has been the price of admission. A generous grant from The Rich Foundation allows everyone to hear these stories first-hand at no cost. Everyone is invited to take advantage of this free offering, because it is vitally important to share the stories as the witness generation is rapidly diminishing.

Upcoming 2020 programs feature Henry (Hank) Lewin on February 9 at 2 PM. Hank tells the story of his parents, Nora and Joel Lewin who were married in Kovno, Lithuania, they endured separation and several concentration camps to survive the Holocaust.

On March 15th Alfred Schneider, PhD November presents his unforgettable story of resilience. Even though school was illegal in Romania for Jews in 1941, Alfred and two friends started their own course of studies and were later tutored by teachers within the ghetto. His academic prowess, ability to learn multiple languages and musical talents proved pivotal to his survival.

Each program includes a free, guided group tour of the Holocaust Gallery at the Breman Museum. The tour begins at 12:30 p.m. The Bearing Witness program begins at 2:00 p.m. Speakers present their story and answer questions from the audience, ending at approximately 3:30 p.m. Seating is limited; it is advised to arrive early to get a seat.

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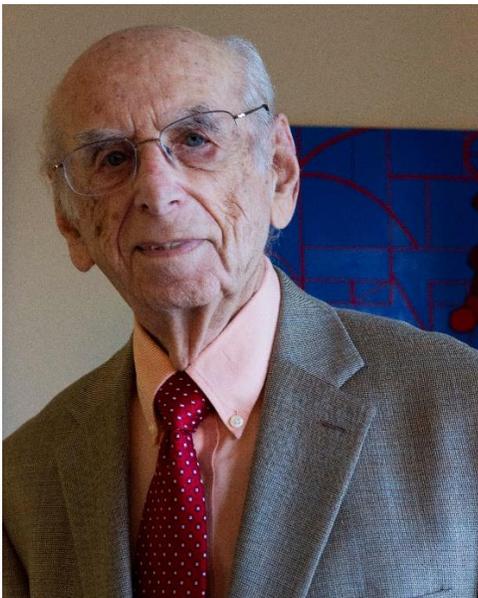
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The Breman is located at 1440 Spring Street. Free parking is available at the museum (with overflow parking available at The John Marshall Law School on 18th between W. Peachtree and Spring). For current program information or to be added to the e-mail list, visit thebreman.org.

Photograph of Hank Lewin



Photograph of Alfred Schneider PhD



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About the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum

The Breman Museum, a preeminent cultural center in the Southeast, connects people of all backgrounds in understanding and appreciation of Jewish history, culture and arts. Its midtown Atlanta location hosts a permanent Holocaust exhibition highlighting the resilience of local survivors as well as comprehensive archives on Southern Jewish History, the most extensive of their kind. The museum's galleries are a showcase for exclusive exhibitions and compelling displays. Known for its events, concerts, lectures, genealogy resources, educational workshops and enlightening tours for visitors of all ages, the Breman Museum welcomes the public to view its galleries Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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