



*Timeless Threads:
A Stitching History Luncheon*

Featuring Lori Coulter
Co-Founder and CEO of Summersalt, the St. Louis-
based lifestyle brand.

Monday, October 20, 2025
11:30am - 1pm

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Limited tickets remain for Timeless Threads: A Stitching History Luncheon - purchase yours today! Ticket sales close Sunday, October 12th at 5 PM.

Join the Museum for a luncheon fundraiser to close out our special exhibition, *Stitching History from the Holocaust* with special guest speaker, Lori Coulter, CEO of Summersalt, the St. Louis-based lifestyle brand recognized nationally for redefining fashion with data-driven design and inclusive fit.

Don't miss your last chance to view this poignant exhibit and hear from one of the prominent fashion entrepreneurs of St. Louis.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Artifact Feature



On October 5, 1938, Nazi Germany enacted a law invalidating all German passports held by Jews, which required them to be stamped with a red letter "J" (for Jude, or Jew) to identify them as such. This was part of a broader Nazi campaign to isolate, alienate, and persecute the Jewish population. A separate law required Jewish men and women who had first names deemed of "non-Jewish" origin to add the middle name "Israel" or "Sara" on their passports.

This is the passport (Reisepass) of Joseph Bergmann, issued April 5, 1939. A decorated World War I veteran and doctor of medicine, Joseph had his physician status revoked in June 1939 but was able to obtain a visa through Belgium later that month and escape Europe. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen in October 1945 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Remembering Kristallnacht



On the night of November 9-10th of 1938, the Nazis coordinated a nation-wide pogrom which was later called Kristallnacht, or the night of broken glass. During this night, so much more than glass

was shattered. Any sense of Jewish safety was destroyed as the Nazis and their collaborators burned more than 1,400 synagogues, vandalized thousands of Jewish-owned businesses, broke into Jewish people's apartments and homes, and desecrated Jewish religious objects. They also humiliated, assaulted, and killed Jewish people and arrested approximately 30,000 Jewish men and took them to concentration camps.

Dr. Norbert Katz was born in Germany in 1908. He was educated at the University of Nuremberg and was an assistant at the Institute of Journalism in Nuremberg. When speaking of Kristallnacht he recalled ". . . I saw. . . light fixtures on the street, stores were destroyed, Jewish stores. Windows were broken. My parent's apartment was ransacked. . . I know the synagogue had burned. . . What was I doing that night? I was sitting up at my father-in-law's apartment and shivering, not knowing what to do, afraid they might look for me." Dr. Katz was imprisoned by the Nazis at Buchenwald and Dachau concentration camps for refusing to resign his faculty position. In 1939, when World War II started, Katz moved to England and immigrated to the United States in 1941 and settled in St. Louis. He passed away on February 2, 1995. Dr. Katz is featured in the Museum's permanent exhibition.

You can listen to Dr. Katz and other St. Louis survivor's oral histories [here](#).

Upcoming Events



The Eldorado Club and the Nazi Assault on Queer Life

Join the Museum to explore how the Eldorado symbolized both the freedom and fragility of queer life in Weimar Germany, and how its closure marked the beginning of Nazi persecution of LGBTQ+ people.

October 16, 2025 | 6 pm



Learn more about this and other upcoming events at STLHolocaustMuseum.org/Events

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[Register Here](#)

Hands on History: Celebrate the Museum's Third Birthday

A unique opportunity to get up close with artifacts from our Collection—including items not usually on display. Learn first-hand how history is preserved and documented.

Saturday, November 1 | 10 am – 4:30 pm
Sunday, November 2 | 10 am – 4:30 pm

On Saturday and Sunday, admission to the permanent Holocaust exhibition is Pay As You Wish! See the exhibit and participate in Hands on History for as little as \$0.01.




Questions? Contact Amy Moorman at AMoorman@STLHolocaustMuseum.org.



To celebrate the Museum's 3rd birthday, join us for an opportunity to get up close and personal with artifacts from our Collection. Items not usually on display will be available for visitors to engage with, a first-hand experience to learn what goes into preserving and documenting our artifacts.

This event is included with purchase of an exhibit ticket (pay-as-you-wish weekend).





November 2025 Survivor Hour

Survivor Hour: Julie Kohner

*Julie recounts the story of her parents' Holocaust survival and utilizes rare footage of her parents that was broadcast as an episode of *This Is Your Life* in 1953. Her book, "Hanna and Walter, A Love Story" will be available for purchase and signing after the program.*

November 23, 2025 | 12 pm



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Julie Kohner recounts her parents' survival during the Holocaust and utilizes rare footage of her parents that was broadcast as an episode of *This Is Your Life*, one of the first times a Holocaust survivor appeared on TV.

[Register Here](#)

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