



# IMPACT

St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum

*Birmingham World, September 14, 1943*



## Civil Rights Night - Exploring Parallels of Racial Injustice

On Thursday, February 12, the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum hosted Civil Rights Night: *The Impact of Racial Laws from Jim Crow to the Holocaust*, an evening that examined how systems of legalized discrimination shape societies.

Dr. Dan J. Puckett, Professor of History at Troy University and Chair of the Alabama Holocaust Commission, explored the parallels between Jim Crow laws and Nazi racial legislation, demonstrating how governments codified exclusion, stripped rights, and normalized injustice long before violence escalated. His scholarship offered a sobering reminder that oppression often begins in policy.

He was joined by Reverend Rodrick Burton, President of the St. Louis Airport Interfaith Chaplaincy and member of the Museum's Board of Directors, for a thoughtful conversation on civil rights, faith

leadership, and the responsibility to confront history honestly.

This was more than a history lesson. It was a call to recognize how fragile rights can be — and how essential it is to protect them. By drawing clear connections between American racial laws and the Holocaust, the evening underscored why remembering the past remains urgent work.

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## Artifact Feature

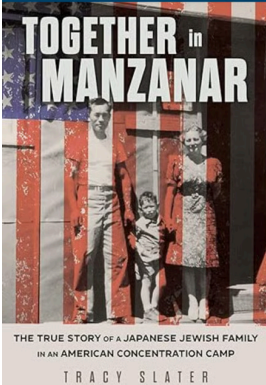


This photograph from our Collection features a group of Holocaust survivors taking part in a postwar education program sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Southern Illinois. Though these survivors were living in St. Louis, they took a bus across the river to East St. Louis, Illinois to learn English reading and writing from a local teacher named Norma Kramer Siegel. Here the group is pictured hard at work in Mrs. Siegel's home.

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## Upcoming Events

## Together in Manzanar: Author Talk with Tracy Slater



The Museum welcomes author Tracy Slater in conversation with sansei (third-generation Japanese American) Robin Hattori as they discuss Japanese American incarceration and Slater's book, "Together in Manzanar"

February 22, 2026 | 1 pm



[Register Here](#)

Join us for this Day of Remembrance program as Tracy Slater discusses her book *Together in Manzanar: The True Story of a Japanese Jewish Family in an American Concentration Camp*.

## Film & Director Talk Back: 999 *The Forgotten Girls*



The Mendel Rosenberg Film Series invites you to a powerful afternoon at the Museum featuring 999: *The Forgotten Girls*. Following the screening, director Heather Dune Macadam will join the Museum's past Interim Executive Director, Dr. Fran Levine, in conversation about the film and women's vital role in history.

March 1, 2026 | 1 pm



Learn more about this and other upcoming events at [STLHolocaustMuseum.org/Events](https://STLHolocaustMuseum.org/Events)

[Register Here](#)

Join us to celebrate Women's History Month! The Mendel Rosenberg Film Series presents *999: The Forgotten Girls* with an after film talk back with the documentary's director, Heather Dune Macadam.

## From Silence to Song: Hope and Remembrance After the Holocaust



Join the Museum for a one hour live musical experience of loss and resilience. Soprano Alexandra Billhartz will be joined by Julia Mrazek and Trent Patterson to present this recital that reflects on the history and horror of the Holocaust, while also showcasing a sense of hope in a post-Holocaust world.

March 8, 2026 | 3 pm



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[Register Here](#)

Join the Museum for a one hour musical performance of loss and resilience, *From Silence to Song: Hope and Remembrance after the Holocaust*. Soprano Alexandra Billhartz will be performing "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" and "Another Sunrise".


ST. LOUIS SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

HIDDEN HISTORY, LASTING ART:  
Tom Stoppard's Journey from Holocaust Refugee to Playwright


Monday, March 16, 2026	Program: 6:30 pm	St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum 36 Millstone Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146
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For tickets, visit [STLHolocaustMuseum.org/Events](http://STLHolocaustMuseum.org/Events).

We're partnering with St. Louis Shakespeare Festival to bring you along playwright Tom Stoppard's journey from Holocaust refugee to writing plays such as *Leopoldstadt* and Shakespeare Festival's 2026 season opener *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead*.

Register Here

## Featured Community Event



*Sugihara: Conspiracy of Kindness* recounts the extraordinary true story of Chiune Sugihara, the Japanese diplomat who defied his government during World War II by issuing transit visas to Jewish refugees, saving tens of thousands of lives through an act of remarkable moral courage.

Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

## Other Community Events

- **Thursday, March 5, 12-1:30pm - Mirowitz Center - Fighting Bigotry: A Sansei Sense of Legacy**
  - The Museum's Coordinator of Exhibitions, Robb Nelson, and the STL Japanese American Citizen's League President, Wendy Roll, will engage in a panel discussion moderated by JAACL's Robin Hattori about the special exhibition *Resilience: A Sansei Sense of Legacy*. This event is free but RSVPs are required. Register [here](#).
- **Thursday, March 5, 5:30pm - Hurst Lounge at WashU - Jews and Muslims in French North Africa: The Story of King Mohammed V of Morocco Saving Jews during the Holocaust, 1940-2026**
  - The Department of Jewish, Islamic, and Middle Eastern Studies (JIMES) at Washington University in St. Louis will host the annual Cherrick Lecture, presented by Aomar Boum (UCLA) and Daniel Schroeter (University of Minnesota) in Hurst Lounge. This event is free. More information found about the event can be found [here](#).

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Looking for a space that's meaningful, memorable, and unlike anywhere else in St. Louis? The St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum offers a powerful and elegant setting for corporate meetings, community gatherings, fundraisers, private parties, discussion groups, and more. Hosting your event here supports the Museum's mission while giving your guests an experience that truly resonates.

We're now booking for 2026. To learn more about how we can help bring your vision to life, contact Kelsey Jones for details. Email [kjones@stlholocaustmuseum.org](mailto:kjones@stlholocaustmuseum.org) or call 314-442-3752.

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