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St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum

Monthly Newsletter, June 2026







Nazis Next Door Opening - Thank You!

This month, the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum welcomed a tremendous turnout for the opening of *Nazis Next Door: St. Louis Faces Nazism in the 1930s*. The exhibition sheds light on the ways antisemitism and Nazi influence appeared in St. Louis and Missouri during the 1930s and 1940s, revealing a history that is both local and deeply relevant today.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has already visited the exhibition and helped make its opening such a success. Your engagement with this important history ensures these stories continue to educate, inspire, and challenge us all. *Nazis Next Door* remains on view through January 31, 2027.

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Celebrating Our Annual Volunteer Luncheon

Honoring Those Who Make Our Mission Possible – Celebrating Our Annual Volunteer Luncheon.

On Tuesday, June 16, we had the pleasure of gathering with the incredible volunteers who help make the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum a welcoming, vibrant, and impactful place for our community.

From greeting visitors and leading tours, to supporting our archives and collections work behind the scenes, our volunteers play an essential role in every aspect of the Museum. Their dedication helps preserve Holocaust history, support meaningful educational experiences for students and visitors, and ensure that survivor stories continue to inspire learning, reflection, and action.
The annual volunteer luncheon was an opportunity to celebrate their contributions, share our gratitude, and recognize the passion and generosity they bring to this work. We are deeply thankful for every volunteer who gives their time, talents, and heart to our mission.

Thank you for helping ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust continue to educate, inspire, and endure for generations to come.

Welcoming Romania's Ambassador to the United States









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We were honored to welcome Andrei Muraru, Romania's ambassador to the United States, for a recent visit to the Museum.

A historian and public policy expert, Ambassador Muraru has dedicated much of his career to advancing Holocaust remembrance, historical memory, and the study of totalitarian regimes. Prior

to his diplomatic service, he led initiatives in Romania focused on researching and commemorating the victims of both the Holocaust and communist oppression.

During his visit, Ambassador Muraru toured the Museum and met with staff to discuss the importance of Holocaust education, remembrance, and the ongoing fight against antisemitism. We were grateful for the opportunity to share our work and to welcome a leader whose commitment to preserving history reflects our own mission.

Artifact Feature



Currently on exhibition as part of *Nazis Next Door: St. Louis Faces Nazism in the 1930s* are several unassuming travel brochures for Missouri resort hotels from the early twentieth century.

What is striking about these artifacts is the discriminatory language stamped plainly on their front pages: Gentiles Only.

Segregation in hotels and private resorts was not banned until the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For Jewish travelers, exclusionary practices were a common occurrence. In 1957, an ADL study found nearly every state had hotels which barred Jews. To counter this, the Jewish Vacation Guide (first published around 1916), compiled addresses of hotels, boarding houses, resorts, restaurants, auto repair shops, pharmacists, and more that were available and friendly to Jewish customers. The publication was produced by the Federation of Jewish Farmers of America and published in both Yiddish and English.

Join Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt for Our Gala



Join us for the Museum's most anticipated evening of the year as we welcome Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt, former U.S. special envoy to monitor and combat antisemitism and internationally renowned Holocaust historian, for a special gala event at the Ritz-Carlton on Thursday, October 29, 2026.

Sponsorships and tables are now available for this unforgettable night which will bring together community leaders, supporters, and advocates for Holocaust education. Gather friends, colleagues, or clients and be part of an inspiring evening in support of preserving survivor testimony, fighting antisemitism, and ensuring the future of Holocaust education.

Tables and sponsorship opportunities are limited and now open. To learn more, contact Jessica Fischoff at jfischoff@stlholocaustmuseum.org.

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Upcoming Events

TONIGHT!

Join the Museum for this presentation of the dynamic and inspiring history of the



LGBTQ+ community's original pride symbol by tracing the transformation of the pink triangle.

The presentation is followed by a thoughtful dialogue with the Museum's past director of education and curation, Dan Reich, and a book signing.

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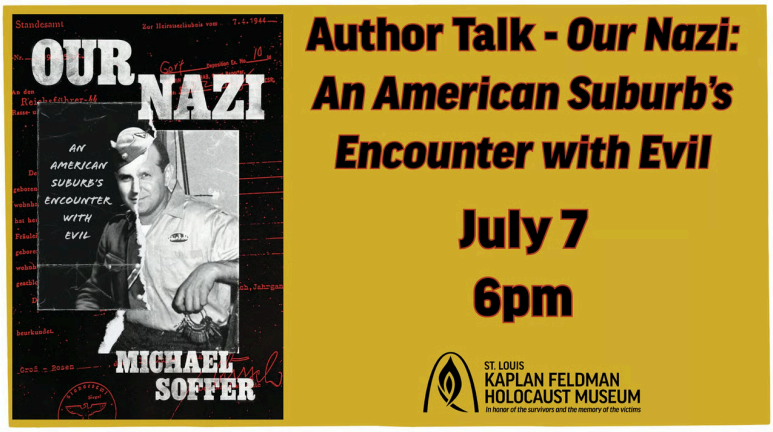

Join author Michael Soffer as he examines the community's response to the Kulle Affair in Chicago, exploring why some Americans defended former Nazis even after their pasts were revealed. This program is presented in connection with our special exhibit, *Nazis Next Door: St. Louis Faces Nazism in the 1930s.*

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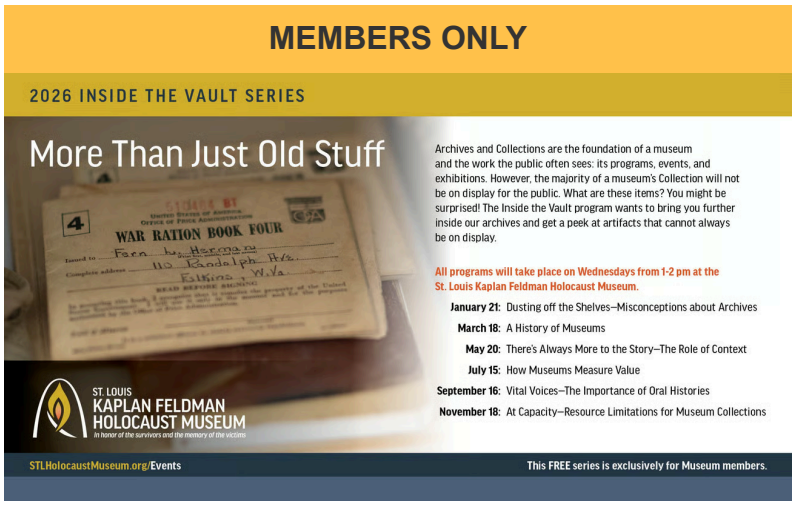

Join us July 15 for *Inside the Vault.*

Through the larger theme of "More than Just Old Stuff" this *Inside the Vault* session will be discussing the ways museums measure value when it comes to artifacts and objects. Join our Archives & Collections staff to better understand what our archives team's role is at the museum.

Member Event Register



The Museum will be closed July 3 and 4 in observance of the 4th of July.

Host Your Next Event with Us



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 the rest of 2026. To learn more about how we can help bring your vision to life, contact Kelsey Jones for details. Email kjones@stlholocaustmuseum.org or call 314-442-3752.

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