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St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum

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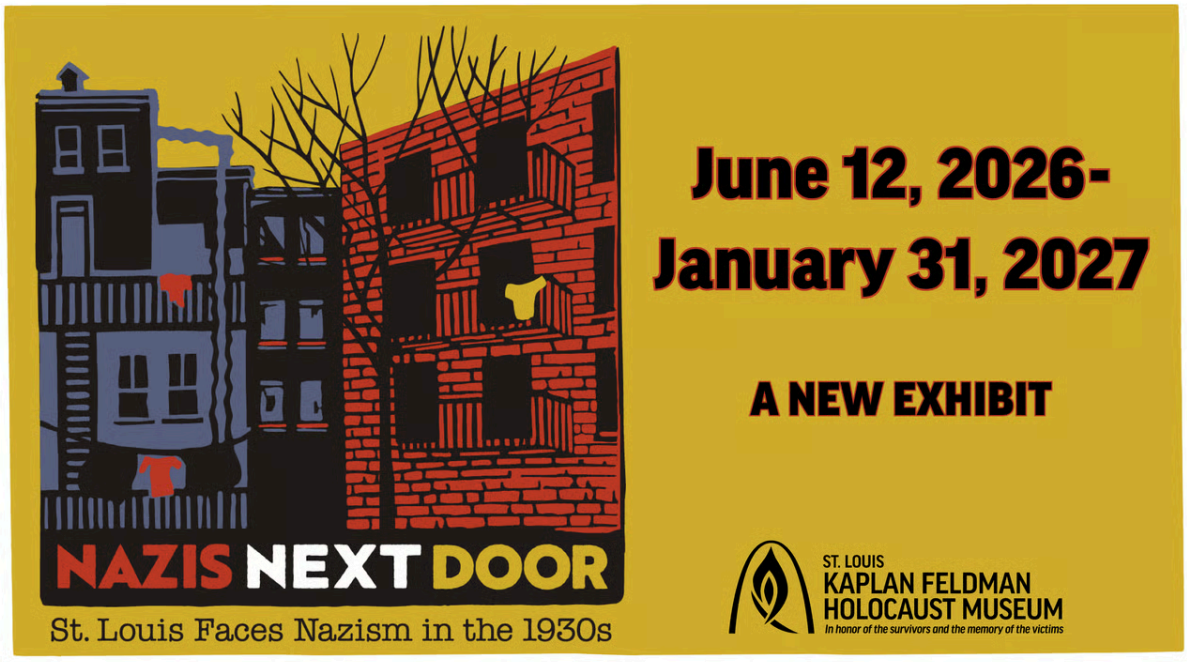


Nazis Next Door: St. Louis Faces Nazism in the 1930s

Opening Saturday, June 12, *Nazis Next Door: St. Louis Faces Nazism in the 1930s* is a powerful new special exhibition exploring how St. Louisans encountered, responded to, and were impacted by the rise of Nazi ideology in the 1930s.

Through local stories, historical records, photographs, and personal accounts, the exhibition examines what was known, who spoke out, who stayed silent, and how Nazi ideas took root far closer to home than many realize. *Nazis Next Door* challenges visitors to reflect not only on history but also on the responsibility of individuals and communities in confronting hate today.

The exhibition will be on view in the Karpati Gallery at the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum from June 12, 2026 through January 31, 2027.

Tickets Here

Museum Members:
Museum Members are invited to an exclusive Members Only Day on Thursday, June 11, featuring special early access to the exhibition, Conversations With The Curators programming, and more.

Learn more about Membership benefits and exhibition access below:

Members Day Tickets Here

100,000th Visitor Recap



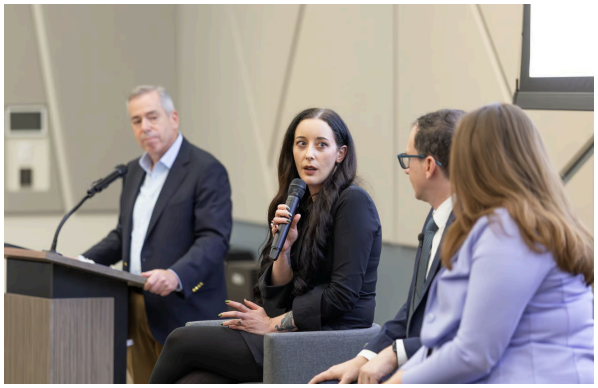
On Friday, April 24, the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum proudly welcomed its 100,000th visitor since reopening in 2022: a seventh-grade class from Rogers Middle School in Affton, Missouri.

This milestone reflects the thousands of students, educators, families, and community members who have walked through our doors to engage with Holocaust history and its enduring lessons. We were honored to celebrate this moment with students, whose curiosity and thoughtful engagement represent the future of remembrance and education.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this milestone possible and continues to support the Museum's mission to preserve memory, confront antisemitism, and inspire civic responsibility.

Viral Hate - Thank You!!







Thursday, May 14, the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, welcomed a packed audience for *Viral Hate: Antisemitism, Conspiracy Culture, and Online Radicalization.* This was a powerful and urgently needed conversation examining the growing rise of antisemitism and extremism in digital spaces.

Featuring internationally recognized experts Mark Weitzman, Tal-Or Cohen Montemayor, Mike Rothschild, and Anna Merlan, the dynamic panel explored how hate spreads online, why conspiracy thinking takes hold, and what individuals and communities can do to recognize and confront dangerous rhetoric before it escalates.

Thank you to the Stuart and Marie Block Charitable Foundation and Busey Bank for their support and everyone who joined us for this important conversation.

Artifact Feature



In early 1940, the Jewish population of Lodz, Poland, some 160,000-175,000 people, were confined to the “Old City,” an area of approximately 1.5 square miles that became the Lodz Ghetto. The ghetto system was part of the systematic dehumanization and destruction of Jews undertaken by the Nazis and their collaboraters

Segregation of Jews into ghettos like Lodz allowed for more strict controls over their lives, and one example of this is in the use of ghetto currency. Upon entering Lodz, residents were forced to exchange currency and many of their personal belongings for scrip like those seen here, which was usable only within the ghetto. Because the currency had no value outside the ghetto economy, it served as an insidious tactic to dispossess Jews of any personal wealth.

Courtesy of General Collection, St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum.

Join Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt for Our Gala



A Night of Confronting Antisemitism with Ambassador Dr. Deborah Lipstadt

A GALA TO BENEFIT THE ST. LOUIS KAPLAN FELDMAN HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Thursday Evening | October 29, 2026 | The Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis

We invite you to sponsor this extraordinary evening and partner with the Museum in advancing the work of education, remembrance, and confronting antisemitism in our time.

Join us for the Museum's most anticipated evening of the year as we welcome former U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism and internationally renowned Holocaust historian Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt 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.

Register Here

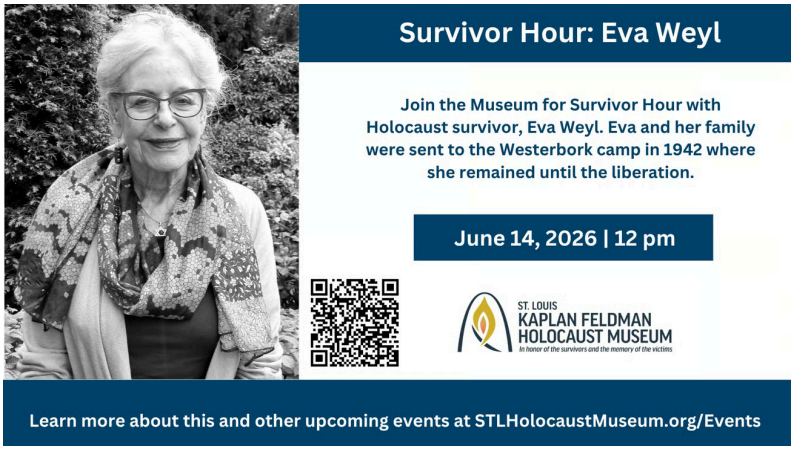
We are a Blue Star Museum



As a blue star museum we are offering free admission to active-duty military personnel and their families now through Labor Day.

We are honored to welcome military families to explore the Museum's Permanent Exhibition, reflect on the importance of remembrance, and engage with the enduring lessons of Holocaust history.

Upcoming Events



Join the Museum for Survivor Hour with Holocaust survivor, Eva Weyl.

Eva Weyl was born on 7 June 1935 in Arnhem in the Netherlands. Her parents had previously emigrated from Germany to the Netherlands. Her grandfathers soon followed her to the Netherlands, where Eva had a wonderful childhood until she and her family were sent to the Westerbork camp in 1942 where she remained until the liberation.

Register Here



Join the Museum on June 25 from 6-7pm for a presentation exploring the history of the LGBTQ+ community's original pride symbol.

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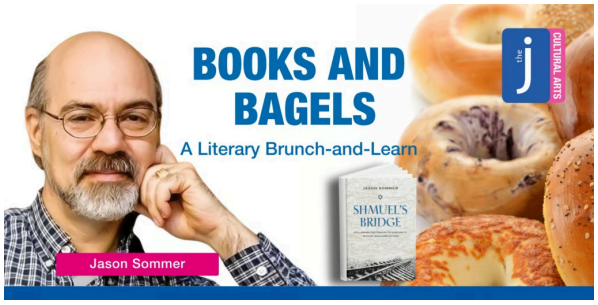
The Museum will be closed May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

Featured Community Events



The St. Louis Jewish Book Festival at the J invites you to *Books & Bagels* with St. Louis author Jason Sommer, discussing his book *Shmuel's Bridge: Following the Tracks to Auschwitz with My Survivor Father* on Wednesday, May 27, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the J's Arts & Education Building.

Get tickets here: https://jccstl.com/sommer

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.

Make your next event matter.

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