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St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum

Newsletter, October 2026

Remembering October 7: A Community-Wide Day of Remembrance







On October 7, 2026, the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum joined in partnership with the Jewish Federation of St. Louis to commemorate the third anniversary of the October 7, 2023,

terrorist attacks in Israel. Together, we welcomed community members for a meaningful day of remembrance, reflection, and solidarity.

Throughout the day, visitors participated in opportunities to share their personal reflections, preserve memories and contribute to the historical record. Through our Call for Collections initiative, video reflections, and written testimonials, community members were invited to document their experiences and consider the lasting impact of October 7 on Jewish communities around the world.

The commemoration continued with a Reading of the Names, honoring those whose lives were taken in the attacks, followed by an evening screening of *The Bridge*.

As we marked three years since October 7, the gathering served as a powerful reminder of the importance of bearing witness, preserving history, and standing together in the face of antisemitism.

We are grateful to the Jewish Federation of St. Louis for its partnership and to everyone who joined us in honoring the victims, supporting one another, and ensuring that their stories are never forgotten.

Grant Applications Open: Feldman Family Educational Institute



Applications are open for the Fall 2026 funding cycle of the **Rubin and Gloria Feldman Family Educational Institute**. The Institute supports innovative educational and artistic projects that explore the lessons of the Holocaust, combat antisemitism and discrimination, promote understanding, and inspire meaningful dialogue.

Nonprofit organizations and educational institutions are encouraged to apply, with special consideration for projects benefiting Missouri and the Midwest.

Application Deadline: November 16, 2026
Rubin and Gloria Feldman Family Educational Institute - St. Louis Holocaust Museum

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Artifact Feature



This child's vest belonged to Miriam Spiegel Raskin, who escaped Germany in 1939 with her parents and settled in St. Louis. The vest is constructed of black velvet with a silk lining and embroidered with multicolored floral motifs and a pink scalloped edging. There are red plastic buttons down the front. Miriam and her parents survived intense discrimination as Jews in Germany, including her being barred from attending elementary school. After enduring the pogroms of November 1938 also known as Kristallnacht, her family was able to leave Germany for the United States. As an adult, Miriam often wrote about her experiences and reflections. Her essays and poems appeared in a wide variety of publications, including her own book: *Remembering and Forgetting: A Memoir and Other Pieces of My Life*. You can also find a selection of her writings at the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum's Memory Project (https://stlholocaustmuseum.org/survivor-stories/memory-project/miriam-spiegel-raskin/).

Upcoming Events



An original exhibition created by the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum, *Nazis Next Door,* explores the ways in which Missourians, particularly St. Louisans, made the choice to support or resist Nazi ideas of extremism and antisemitism right here at home.

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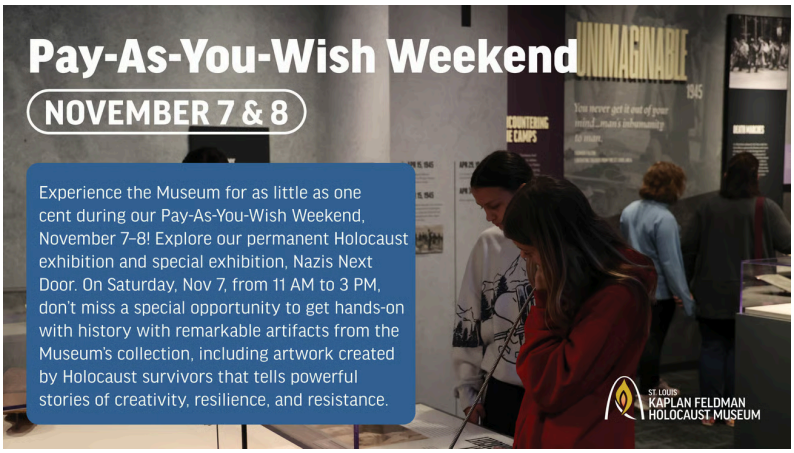

Experience the Museum for as little as one cent during our **Pay-As-You-Wish Weekend, November 7– 8!** Explore our permanent Holocaust exhibition and special exhibition**, *Nazis Next Door*.**

On Saturday, Nov 7, from 11 AM to 3 PM, don't miss a special opportunity to get hands-on with history with remarkable artifacts from the Museum's collection, including artwork created by Holocaust survivors that tells powerful stories of creativity, resilience, and resistance.

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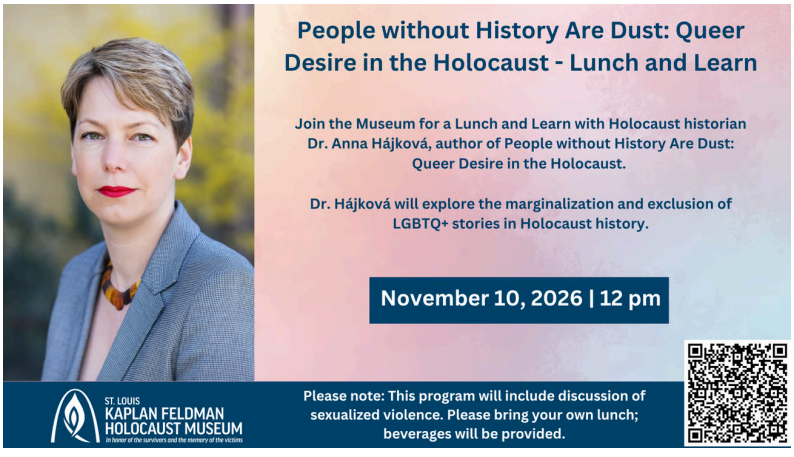

Lunch & Learn: Queer Desire in the Holocaust

Join us **November 10 from 12:00–1:30 PM** for a free Lunch & Learn with Holocaust historian Dr. Anna Hájková, exploring the often-overlooked experiences of LGBTQ+ individuals during the Holocaust. This event is free. Beverages will be provided. Guests are encouraged to bring their own lunch.

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Kristallnacht Memorial Speaker: Douglas Century
Join us **November 10 at 7 PM** for a free program with author Douglas Century, exploring his new book, *Crash of the Heavens*, the remarkable story of Jewish poet and resistance fighter Hannah Senesh. Presented in partnership with The J's St. Louis Jewish Book Festival & Speaker Series, the conversation will be moderated by Jessica Fischoff, director of development.

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Jewish War Veterans Memorial Center Opening & Commemoration
Join us on **Veterans Day, November 11, from 10:45–11:45 AM**, for the opening celebration of the Jewish War Veterans Memorial Center. Presented with Jewish War Veterans Post 644, this special commemoration honors the service of Jewish veterans and preserves their stories for future generations.

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Community Events



Monday, November 9 | 5:00 PM | Washington University Washington University in St. Louis, in partnership with the Museum, presents its annual **Holocaust Memorial Lecture featuring historian Anna Hájková**. Discover the powerful, largely untold story of a same-sex couple persecuted during the Holocaust and explore how LGBTQ+ histories have been silenced in Holocaust remembrance.

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