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4th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day: Child Survivors of the Holocaust

South Seattle Community College

6000 16th Avenue SW

Seattle, WA 98106

Thursday, May 1, 9 am – 12 Noon

Jerry Brockey Student Center, room A

9 am Steve Adler (Berlin, Germany)

Mr. Adler was a child survivor rescued by the Kindertransports (children's transport), which saved approximately 10,000 Jewish children from Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia. He was evacuated to England, where he was later joined by his parents and older brother. His presentation will focus on German anti-Jewish laws.

10 am Dr. Philip Wagenaar (Amsterdam, Holland)

Dr. Wagenaar's parents and other family members perished at Bergen-Belsen, the same camp where Anne Frank died. He and his brother, with the help of the Dutch Underground, were sent to the north where they hid on farms and slept in haystacks to avoid detection. Dr. Wagenaar came to the U.S. in 1959 to attend medical school, and became an ophthalmologist.

11 am Macha Rolnikas (Vilnius, Lithuania) as told by Laurel Holliday

While imprisoned in Vilnius, 14-year old Macha Rolnikas was tortured and starved by the Nazis and made to serve as an "undertaker" for her friends. Author Laurel Holliday will read from the diary Macha kept hidden from her captors. Holliday, who teaches psychology at North and South Seattle Community Colleges, is the author of *Children in the Holocaust and World War II: Their Secret Diaries*.

The **4th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day** honors the great courage and resilience shown by children under the most dangerous and dire circumstances.

The public is invited to remember and learn more about this period in history through the words and experiences of these special guests. The event is free and open to the public. For additional resources, visit the Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center website at www.wsherc.org. For event information, call 206 764-5813 or 206 768-6702.

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