

Video Archive For
Holocaust Testimonies
At Yale



Inauguration

Monday, November 15, 1982

Sterling Memorial Library

Program

Sterling Memorial Library Lecture Room

5:45 P.M.

CHORAL MUSIC

CONNECTICUT HEBREW CHORALE

CAROL KOZAK WARD, *Music Director*

INVOCATION

RABBI LAURIE RUTENBERG, *Assistant Chaplain, Yale University*

WELCOME

GEOFFREY H. HARTMAN, *Advisor to the Video Archive*

Co-Chairman, Judaic Studies Development

REMARKS

LAUREL F. VLOCK, *Project Director,*

Founder, Holocaust Survivors Film Project

A. BARTLETT GIAMATTI, *President, Yale University*

THE HON. BIAGIO DI LIETO, *Mayor, City of New Haven*

ELI EVANS, *President, Charles H. Revson Foundation*

DORI LAUB, M.D., *Project Director, Video Archive*

Founder, Holocaust Survivors Film Project

THE HON. ELIE WIESEL, *Chairman, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council*

CLOSING

CONNECTICUT HEBREW CHORALE

Guest Lecture

Law School Auditorium

8:15 P.M.

INTRODUCTION

LAUREL F. VLOCK

PROFESSOR WILLIAM W. HALLO, *Chairman, University Committee on*

Judaic Studies

ELIE WIESEL

"Knowing and Not Knowing"

Associated Events

CONFERENCE

November 13-14

Whitney Humanities Center
53 Wall Street

SLIDE LECTURE

MARY L. FELSTINER, *Professor of History, San Francisco State Univ.*

"Charlotte Salomon In The Nazi Era"

Sunday, November 14
7:30 P.M.

Jewish Community Center
1156 Chapel Street

VIEWING OF TAPES FROM THE ARCHIVE

Monday, November 15
4:00-5:00 P.M.

Sterling Memorial Library
Lecture Room

READINGS

"POEMS FOR THE OCCASION" by students and faculty

Wednesday, November 17
7:15 P.M.

Whitney Humanities Center
Room 208

Sponsored by Yale Hillel and the Jewish Journal

LECTURE

STEVEN KATZ, *Professor of Religious Studies, Dartmouth College*
Visiting Professor, Yale University

"The Holocaust In Historical Perspective"

Wednesday, November 17
8:15 P.M.

Whitney Humanities Center
Room 208

The Video Archive

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LAUREL F. VLOCK

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An Associated Project of Judaic Studies Development at Yale

The Video Archive For Holocaust Testimonies At Yale

The Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies at Yale is the first major archive and research center devoted exclusively to video-taped testimonies of the Holocaust. The Archive will both actively tape witnesses and be the depository for work done in other communities. The Archive already has a base of 250 testimonies, contributed by the Holocaust Survivors Film Project, a Connecticut grass roots organization that began taping in 1979. Our extension of oral history into the field of video-recording results from a strong conviction that this medium is the most powerful way to capture the poignancy and drama of the act of giving witness. In an era of television and film such documentary tapes will become essential for the instruction of young adults and for community-wide education.

The Archive is unique in several ways:

- It will stimulate videotaping in all major communities under local autonomy.
- It will provide workshops at no charge to community groups interested in setting up responsible videotaping projects during the coming, crucial years.
- It will classify as well as preserve the videotaped testimonies and materials.
- It is associated with Yale University and its educational resources. A viewing and research facility has been opened in Sterling Memorial Library and an endowment drive is under way to make the facility permanent.
- It has been designated as an official depository of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, a federal agency under the chairmanship of Elie Wiesel.

The Archive has become a reality through the dedication of those who initiated and developed the project since 1979, and through the courage of those who came forward to share painful memories. Through these joint efforts a crucial educational resource has been established. As Elie Wiesel has said: "The Holocaust was a unique event, yet its lessons are universal."

VIDEO ARCHIVE COMMITTEES:

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA ARTS: Laurel Vlock, Chairman; Homer Babbidge, Annette Insdorf, Stefan Kanfer, Hugh Price, Mark Roth.

EDUCATION: Dori Laub, M.D., Chairman; Terrence DesPres, Ruth Gay, David Musto, M.D., Vivian Perlis, Walter Reich, M.D., Reverend John W. Vannorsdall.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Louise Etkind, Syd Mandelbaum, William Rosenberg, Betty Trachtenberg, Malcolm Webber.

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