



# Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide

Sonoma State University

<http://www.sonoma.edu/holocaust/alliance>

Email: [alliance@sonoma.edu](mailto:alliance@sonoma.edu)

## Annual Newsletter 2016

Dear Friends of the Alliance,

2016 was one of our most inspiring years and also one of the most challenging. There were significant losses of key individuals connected with the lecture series: first **Betty Kale**, a Holocaust survivor who spoke to hundreds of local students about her experiences, then **Evelyn “Evey” Sackler** an early and a long-term member of the Alliance Board. In June, **Lillian Judd**, a Holocaust survivor left us. Her moving story touched thousands of students including her final presentation to over 300 students and teachers at Windsor High School. Her dear friend **Sylvia G. Sucher**, a founding member of the Alliance who had encouraged and supported both Betty and Lillian in sharing their experiences in our local schools, died two weeks short of her 104th birthday. The dedication and commitment of these four remarkable women touched many of us very deeply. Betty, Lillian and Sylvia’s stories will be highlighted at the upcoming community-wide Yom Hashoah Commemoration on April 30th.

We were especially gratified that Barbara Tomin and Congregation Beth Ami sponsored a performance of Corey Weinstein’s play *Erased: Babi Yar, the SS, and Me* in September and encouraged donations to benefit the Alliance in loving memory of Lillian Judd, Betty Kale, and Sylvia G. Sucher. The show coincided with the 75th anniversary of the gunfire massacre in the Babi Yar ravine in Kiev, Ukraine in 1941. Many thanks to all involved including performers Tom Herz and Saralie Pennington.

2016 was also a year of growth for the Alliance with the energy and commitment of new and continuing Board members, Myrna Goodman, the Director of the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide, and Diane Parness’ leadership as the Academic Coordinator of the Lecture Series. Our Alliance Education Committee benefitted from an infusion of energy and enthusiasm as many new Holocaust and genocide survivors and their descendants accepted an invitation to become active in educating students in our community about the impact of intolerance. Since this summer, we have also been working one-on-one with a number of descendants of Holocaust survivors who will be speaking to students for the first time sharing powerful stories of resilience, survival and commitment to countering intolerance.

2016 also saw a continued commitment by the Board to reach out in the community including tabling at each of the lectures in the 2016 series and at three events in April and May: two Yom Hashoah commemorations (one community-wide and one at Congregation Shomrei Torah), and the Jewish Community Center’s annual cultural festival, Simcha Sunday. The attendance of members of the community and students at local schools at lectures in the annual series at Sonoma continues to exceed our expectations.

Board members were also actively involved in events marking the 101st anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and the 22nd commemoration of the genocide of Tutsis in Rwanda, *Kwibuka 22*. I was deeply moved by the invitation from Her Excellency Ambassador Mathilde Mukantabana to speak at the commemoration at the Embassy of Rwanda in Washington, D.C. on “The Consequences of Genocide Denial.”

The 2016 lecture series promises to be inspiring with a number of new speakers and topics. Much gratitude goes to Pearl and David S. Furman, Myrna Goodman, Dennis Judd, Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana, Chiaya Rawlins, and Arline Thomas who stepped up to underwrite lectures in the upcoming series. We are also thrilled to have Hans Angress, a Holocaust survivor and Alliance Board member, deliver the first annual **Sylvia G. Sucher Memorial Lecture**.

*continued on next page*

### Alliance Mission Statement

#### *Our Mission*

Honor the experience and preserve the memory of the innocent victims, survivors, and rescuers impacted by the tragedy of genocide  
Support Holocaust and genocide education in conjunction with the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide at Sonoma State University

#### *Our Work*

Attract, collaborate, and coordinate with scholars, survivors, and experts  
Outreach to our community, schools, and survivor groups  
Seek funding and support methods to preserve memory

#### *Our Vision*

Inspire a “never again” moral stance that focuses on our common humanity  
Promote personal action and proactive prevention awareness of the causes of intolerance, genocide, and denial

We hope that many of you will be able to support the Alliance and allow us to bring speakers to the series who can expand our understanding of the Holocaust and genocide and educate the next generations of students and future educators. We look forward to seeing many new and familiar faces in the coming months. If you can, do attend one (or more) of the lectures and join us afterwards for a no-host dinner with our guest speaker, the faculty and Alliance Board members. Those interested in receiving information about the lectures and special events should forward their name and Email address to [alliance@sonoma.edu](mailto:alliance@sonoma.edu) or like our **Facebook page at the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide**.



*Professor Nick Underwood with Alliance President Barbara Lesch McCaffry (1/26/16 lecture)*

May 2017 bring compassion, understanding and support for all those whose lives have been affected by intolerance.

With deepest gratitude,

Barbara Lesch McCaffry, Ph.D.

Emerita Professor, Hutchins School of Liberal Studies, Sonoma State University and President, Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide



## Report from the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide

2016 was another outstanding year for the Holocaust and Genocide Studies program at Sonoma State. Our Annual Lecture Series was titled **Into the 21st Century: Genocide in our Time**. We featured wide-ranging lectures that included the Northern California premiere of *Karski and the Lords of Humanity*, a film exploring the work of Jan Karski, a courageous Polish resistance figure as well as *Hitler's Furies*, which examined the complicity of German women in the Holocaust. This coming year, on March 28th, we will once again welcome Rabbi Michael Berenbaum who will address our central theme for this year's series: **Between Memory and History**.

After several years of planning, we were finally able to coordinate the digitization of 32 years of recorded Holocaust Series' lectures. Using donations to a dedicated fund established by the Alliance at our 30th year anniversary celebration, two grants from the Jewish Community Federation, the resources of the Center and the expertise, coordination and hard work of the staff and students of SSU's Instructional Technology division, the project is close to completion. All of the Series' lectures will soon be available via a dedicated Lecture Series *YouTube* Channel. The archive has also been preserved digitally. More information on accessing the lectures will be available in January. Check the Center page at: <http://www.sonoma.edu/holocaust/>. Our sincere thanks to the members of the Alliance for raising funds to facilitate this project and especially to Barbara Lesch McCaffry who worked with the staff in the Federation and wrote the grants.

We lost two of our most important and beloved advocates this past year. Sylvia G. Sucher z"l (of blessed memory), a founding member of the Alliance and a strong advocate of our work, and Lillian Judd, a Holocaust survivor who tirelessly devoted herself to educating students all over Northern California. Board member Arline Thomas and I have underwritten James Waller's April 4th lecture, *Becoming Evil*, in Lillian's memory. We hope to see many of you there.

As they have for several years, Henry & Lucille Libicki and Robert & Murray Zucker made generous donations to the Center through their Jewish Community Federation Endowments. My deepest thanks for their consistent support. Thanks, as well to Viri Ruiz, our administrative assistant, for her support this past year. In addition to helping maintain our website and attending to our organizational needs, Viri coordinated our biannual office move.

Be certain to check the schedule for the 2017 Lecture Series. Professor Parness has arranged what I believe will be the most comprehensive one in our history.

Thanks again for your support. I look forward to working with you this coming year.

Myrna Goodman, Ph.D.

Emerita Professor of Sociology, Sonoma State University  
Director, Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide



*Professor Kerry Whigham (on right) with Center Director Myrna Goodman and Tibi Galis, Executive Director, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (3/29/16 lecture)*

# Report from the Lecture Series Academic Coordinator

Our 2016 lecture series featured innovative and memorable presentations. For the past couple of years we have enjoyed remarkable films capturing the sorrow of the Armenian Genocide and last year, the life of an iconic Holocaust resistance hero, Jan Karski. Slawomir Grünberg's remarkable *Karski and the Lords of Humanity* was surely one of the highlights of our 2016 series. We are very fortunate to benefit again from the generosity of the Armenian Genocide Memorial Fund, who will support the presentation of Bared Maronian's *Women of 1915*. This will be the Bay Area premiere of what promises to be an important work. Many of you will recall Maronian's moving film *Orphans of the Genocide*, which we presented in 2015.

This year is marked by the absence of a friend to many and inspiration to all, Holocaust survivor Lillian Judd. Last year Lillian and her son Dennis supported Prof. Alex Alvarez's important presentation on **Climate Change, Border Regions and the Genocide Impulse**. Dennis will continue that tradition by underwriting Prof. Alvarez's lecture again next year. We are very pleased to have Dennis presenting a new film, *The Lillian Judd Story*. Arline Thomas and Myrna Goodman are underwriting one of our core presentations, Prof. Jim Waller's *Becoming Evil*, in Lillian Judd's memory. In these important ways we secure Lillian's legacy.

Other highlights of 2016 must include our first lecture on the politicicide in Argentina, presented by Prof. Kerry Whigham. We were very happy to welcome back Irfan Mirza for his outstanding presentation on Bosnia. Irfan will be with us again in 2017. For the first time we listened to Dr. Song Tan's moving account of the Cambodian Genocide. It was a pleasure to have Prof. Carol Rittner return with her insight on the subject of gender and genocide.

Next semester we are very pleased to again welcome **Prof. Michael Berenbaum** for the **Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture**, underwritten by Pearl and David S. Furman. Prof. Berenbaum will speak on our theme for 2017, **Between Memory and History**. Other key events for next year's series will include presentations on the *American Genocide*, *The Story of the Stolpersteine*, *Rwanda: Memory & Recovery*, *The Cambodian Genocide*, and *Genocide in Syria*.

Every year we benefit from the support and contributions of our own faculty and friends. They are the foundation of our series, and allow us to continue the high standard of this unique lecture series. I hope you will be able to join us.

Dr. Diane L. Parness, Ph.D.  
Professor of Political Science  
Academic Coordinator, Holocaust & Genocide Lecture Series



*Professor Diane Parness*

## In Memoriam

### *Holocaust Survivors:*

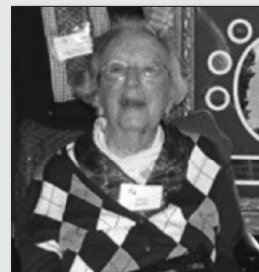
**Charlotte Hauptmann Feldhorn, John Hollander, Lillian Judd, Betty Kale, Henry Libicki, and Helene Steinlauf-Norwitt**

### *Long-Standing Supporters of the Lecture Series:*

**Evey Sackler** (former Alliance Board member) and **Sylvia G. Sucher** (founding Alliance Board member and Senior Advisor)



Lillian Judd



Sylvia G. Sucher

# Report from the Chair of the Alliance Education Committee

In 2015, the Alliance Education Committee expanded its long-standing mission of “supporting Holocaust and Genocide education in conjunction with the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide at Sonoma State University” to include coordinating classroom presentations by Holocaust and genocide survivors and their descendants.

This past January, a letter was sent to the principals of all Sonoma County public and private middle and high schools indicating the resources available to teachers including information about attendance at the Spring 2016 lectures at Sonoma State, access to the video archives of prior lectures available through *YouTube*, as well as assistance in coordinating presentations in their classrooms. We have also been coordinating our efforts with Speaker’s Bureau requests from teachers in Sonoma County to the Jewish Family and Children’s Services’ Holocaust Center in San Francisco.

This past year speakers from the Alliance have given one or more presentations at twelve local schools that engaged over 2,400 students and 50 teachers at:

Altimira Middle School (Sonoma)  
El Molino High School (Forestville)  
J School (serving B’nai Israel Jewish Center and  
Congregation Ner Shalom)  
Mark West Charter School  
Maria Carrillo High School  
Montgomery High School

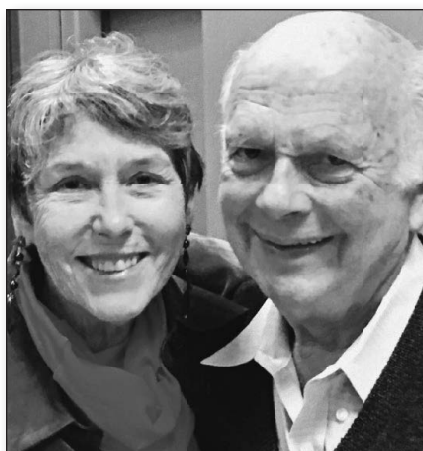
Rincon Valley Christian School  
Roseland Collegiate Prep  
Santa Rosa High School  
Santa Rosa Middle School  
Sonoma Country Day School  
Windsor High School

These presentations, which also include a representative from the Alliance Education Committee, have focused on the Holocaust or the Armenian Genocide. The speakers also discuss issues related to genocide and the need for people to become “upstanders” in the face of acts of intolerance.

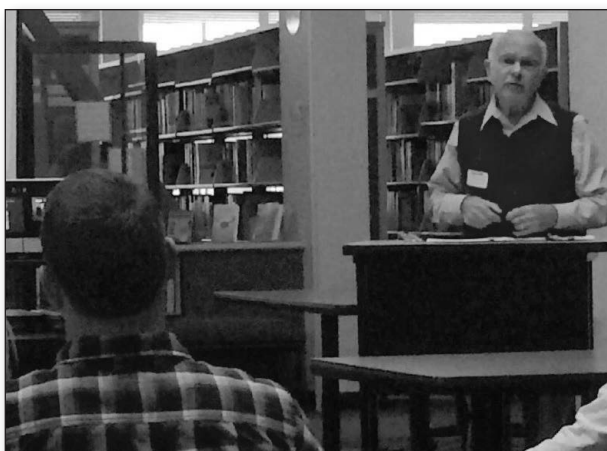
The Alliance Education Committee is currently working with speakers that include Holocaust survivors and their descendants, an Armenian Genocide descendant, and a witness to the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. We have been developing a number of alternative formats for presentations including panels and interviews. We hope to develop a panel of speakers that represent a range of genocides that focuses on the commonalities of those experiences and their impact.

For more information about the Education Committee or to request a speaker, please contact [alliance@sonoma.edu](mailto:alliance@sonoma.edu) or call Alliance Education Chair Arline Thomas at 707-823-1661.

Arline F. Thomas,  
Retired teacher, Rohnert Park/Cotati Unified School  
District and Chair, Alliance Education Committee



*Hans Angress with fellow Alliance Board member Arline Thomas (4/26/16 lecture)*



*Hans Angress speaking to students at Windsor High School (11/9/15)*



*Professor Elaine Leeder (2/23/16 lecture)*

34th Annual Sonoma State University  
**2017 Holocaust and  
Genocide Lecture Series**

January 24-May 9, 2017 / Tuesdays 4:00 PM-5:50 PM

**Warren Auditorium (Ives Hall)**

SSU Students: POLS 307, Perspectives on the Holocaust and Genocide,  
counts as 4 units of upper division GE credit, category D5.

## ***BETWEEN MEMORY AND HISTORY***

January 24: **THE HOLOCAUST IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**  
Professor Stephen Bittner, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

January 31: **THE CONCEPT OF GENOCIDE**  
Professor Emerita Myrna Goodman, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

February 7: **AMERICAN GENOCIDE**  
Professor Benjamin Madley, Ph.D., UCLA

February 14: **THE LILLIAN JUDD STORY (Film)**  
Dennis Judd, Holocaust descendant

February 21: **THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**  
Professor Sergio La Porta, Ph.D., CSU Fresno Armenian Studies Program  
*Underwritten by the Armenian Genocide Memorial Fund*

February 28: **Women of 1915 (Film, Bay Area Premiere)**  
Bared Maronian, filmmaker  
*Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture*

March 7: **A SURVIVOR'S STORY**  
Hans Angress, Holocaust survivor  
*First Annual Sylvia G. Sucher Memorial Lecture*

March 14: **SPRING BREAK** (campus closed)

March 21: **THE STORY OF THE STOLPERSTEINE**  
Howard Shattner, Holocaust descendant

March 28: **BETWEEN HISTORY AND MEMORY**  
Professor Michael Berenbaum, Ph.D., American Jewish University  
*Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture*  
*Underwritten by Pearl and David S. Furman in memory of Ruth Mruvka and Gussie and Edward Furman*

April 4: **BECOMING EVIL**  
Professor James Waller, Ph.D.,  
Cohen Endowed Chair of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Keene State College  
*Underwritten by Arline Thomas and Myrna Goodman in memory of Lillian Judd*

April 11: **RWANDA: MEMORY AND RECOVERY**  
Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana, Rwandan Ambassador to the United States;  
Simon Mudahogora, Genocide survivor; and Ndahiro Bazimya, Genocide descendant  
*Underwritten by Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana and  
Chiaya Rawlins*

April 18: **THE BOSNIAN GENOCIDE: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**  
Irfan Mirza, Voices of the Bosnian Genocide

April 25: **CLIMATE CHANGE, BORDER REGIONS, & THE GENOCIDE IMPULSE**  
Professor Alex Alvarez, Ph.D., Northern Arizona University  
*Underwritten by Dennis Judd*

May 2: **THE CAMBODIAN GENOCIDE**  
Lucia Roncalli, M.D.

May 9: **GENOCIDE IN SYRIA**  
Professor David McCuan, Ph.D., Sonoma State University



***Study the nature of hate: Prevent the escalation of prejudice into genocide***



Professor Eric Williams  
(4/12/16 lecture)



Professor Wendy Lower with Pearl and David S. Furman  
(5/3/16 lecture)



Professor James Waller  
(4/5/16 lecture)

## 2017 Holocaust and Genocide Commemorations and Events

**The Annual County-Wide Yom Hashoah Commemoration** will be held at the Friedman Center, 4676 Mayette Avenue in Santa Rosa on Sunday, April 30th, 2017, 2-4 p.m. The theme will be: *Speaking for the Other, The Moral Obligation of Holocaust Memory*. For more information about this year's theme and guest speakers, please see <http://www.jccsoco.org> and click on the link for "Special Events" or contact the Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County at 707-528-4222.

**Congregation Shomrei Torah (CST)** will host its annual **Yom Hashoah Holocaust Memorial Observance** on Sunday, April 23, 2017, the eve of the Day of Remembrance, at 6:15 p.m. at 2600 Bennett Valley Road in Santa Rosa. The annual Candle Lighting service will include Jewish survivors and children of survivors; lighters for the Roma/Gypsy, Gays & Lesbians, Disabled, Righteous Gentiles, and Political Prisoners; and other lighters representing Native America, Armenia, Cambodia, Darfur, and Rwanda genocide victims. Cantorial soloist Erica Wisner and the CST Choir will perform musical interludes. Rabbis George Gittleman and Stephanie Kramer will officiate. Following the program there will be refreshments. For more information, contact CST at 707-578-5519.

April 7th, 2017 marks the **23rd Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi**. The Rwandan Community of California will observe **Kwibuka 23**, on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at Stand! 315 G Street, Antioch, California. For more information, contact Yehoyada Mbangukira, 925-628-9895 or [yehoyada12@gmail.com](mailto:yehoyada12@gmail.com).

Friends of Rwanda Association (FORA) will also coordinate events related to the **23rd Annual Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi**. They will be listed at: [www.friends-of-rwanda.org](http://www.friends-of-rwanda.org).

April 24th, 2017 will mark the **102nd Annual World-Wide Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide**. The SF Bay Area Armenian Genocide Commemoration Committee coordinates Bay Area events that will be listed at [www.sfbayecalendar.com](http://www.sfbayecalendar.com). The SF Bay Area Armenian National Committee also coordinates events that will be listed at [www.ancsf.org](http://www.ancsf.org).

The **9th Annual Walk to End Genocide: Santa Rosa**, in coordination with Jewish World Watch, is scheduled at Congregation Shomrei Torah, 2600 Bennett Valley Road in Santa Rosa on Sunday, April 23, 2017. For more information, see <http://www.jewishworldwatch.org>.



Professor Sergio La Porta (2/16/16 lecture)



Irfan Mirza and Mirza Velagic of *Voices of the  
Bosnian Genocide* (4/19/16 lecture)



Dr. Song Tan (3/1/16 lecture)

## Giving to the Alliance

*Your kind gift to the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide  
can be submitted using the enclosed envelope.*

*Please designate the fund to which you wish to make your gift:*

- ❖ **Paul V. Benko Holocaust Education Endowment Fund (E0022):** This endowment fund, named for an SSU faculty member who was one of the founding members of the Alliance, supports the lecture series on the Holocaust and Genocide offered annually at Sonoma State University.
- ❖ **Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust Annual SSU Lecture Series Fund (C0119):** This fund supports Holocaust and Genocide Education including the lecture series and the annual Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture that is part of the series.
- ❖ **Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture Fund (C0286):** This fund supports an annual lecture related to the Armenian Genocide as part of the lecture series.
- ❖ **Holocaust and Genocide Program Documentary Fund (C0409):** This fund will support the production of a documentary about Holocaust and genocide programs at Sonoma State University including the Memorial Grove and the Anne Frank Tree projects.
- ❖ **The SSU Rwanda Student Education and Travel Fund (C0410):** This fund, created in collaboration with the Friends of Rwanda Association (FORA), will support the education of SSU student(s) regarding the Rwandan Tutsi genocide and/or support their travel to Rwanda to work and teach in FORA vocational schools with survivors of the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.
- ❖ **Adele Zygielbaum Endowment Fund (E0396):** This endowment fund, created in memory of a Holocaust survivor, supports Holocaust and Genocide Education including the lecture series.

### *You can also donate on-line*

- go to: <https://www.sonoma.edu/development/>
- click on the green button on the left side of the screen for “Give Online”
- click on Schools, Departments & Programs
- click on School of Social Sciences

To donate to the **Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust Annual SSU Lecture Series Fund (C0119)** please select the button for The Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust.

To donate to all other funds, please select the button for “Other” and indicate the name of the fund and its associated fund number in the designated box. You can also include information here if you would like us to send someone else an acknowledgement of your gift.

Questions can be directed to the Alliance at [alliance@sonoma.edu](mailto:alliance@sonoma.edu)



*Slawomir Grünberg (front row second from the right) after 2/9/16 lecture with Center Director Myrna Goodman, Board Member Naomi Granvold and Michelle Zygielbaum in the front row and Paul Zygielbaum, Board members Hans Angress, Miriam Susan Dregély and Mac McCaffry in the back row.*

## ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ 2016 Donations ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

*We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the following donors who make it possible to continue the work of the founders the Alliance:*

### Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust Lecture Series Fund (C0119):

Susanne & Alfred Batzdorff (in memory of Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Naomi & David Blakely (to honor the memory of Sylvia G. Sucher, my aunt)  
Jane E. & Gilbert "Chip" Carnathan (in memory of Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Todd W. Cereghino (in memory of Lillian Judd and in memory of the Vélodrome d'Hiver persecution in Paris in 1942)  
Jean Bee Chan (in memory of Peter Stanek)  
Christyne A. Davidian (in memory of Lillian Judd & Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Diane Dorfman  
Anne S. & Dean C. Drapin (in loving memory of Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Fran Dubnar (in memory of Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Nancy S. Susnow Fleming & Andy Fleming (in memory of Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Bonnie & Jeffrey L. Freiberg (in memory of Myron Freiberg)  
Pearl & David S. Furman (in memory of Ruth Mruvka and Gussie and Edward Furman to underwrite the lecture by Dr. Michael Berenbaum)  
Myrna L. Goodman (to underwrite a lecture in honor of Lillian Judd)  
Naomi W. Granvold  
Donna Haggerty (in memory of Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Judith Hyman (in memory of Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin & Sonoma Counties (Holocaust Memorial/Education Fund)  
Dennis Judd (to underwrite a lecture on Genocide and the Environment)  
Amar S. & Sahib-Amar K. Khalsa (in support of the Sylvia G. Sucher Memorial Lecture)  
Barbara Lesch & Michael (Mac) McCaffry (in memory of Lillian Judd, Betty Kale, Evey Sackler, Helene Steinlauf-Norwitt and Sylvia Sucher)  
Medtronic-Your Cause, LLC  
Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana, Ambassador from the Republic of Rwanda to the United States (to underwrite a lecture on the legacy of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi)  
Adele Pickar (in memory of Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Mary K. & Adrian Praetzellis (in memory of George Triest)  
Emily G. Prigot & Deborah Adelberg (in memory of my aunt Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Chaiya Rawlins (to underwrite a lecture on the legacy of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi)  
Suzanne M. Roberts (in memory of Lillian Judd)  
Ruth S. & Ira H. Rosenberg (in memory of Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Santa Rosa Middle School (in honor of Hans Angress' presentation)  
Leanne & Stuart Schy (in memory of Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Henry D. Shapiro & Moira M. Roberston (in memory of his aunt, Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Karen A. Shapiro (in memory of Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Nancy E. & Edward S. Sherman (in memory of Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Helga & Morris Spizman (in memory of Eva Hirschel)  
Linda & Marvin Talso (in honor of Lillian Judd)  
Michael M. and Libby Thaler (in memory of Barbara Shilo)  
Arline F. Thomas (in memory of Evey Abramowitz, Lillian Judd and Sylvia G. Sucher & to underwrite a lecture in honor of Lillian Judd)  
Barbara Tobin & Cass Smith  
Corey Weinstein, M.D. (in gratitude for the support of the performance of his play, *Erased: Babi Yar, the SS and Me*)  
Linda & Alexander Wertheim (in memory of Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Hildy I. & Mansell Williams  
Janice L. Wilson (to honor Sylvia G. Sucher)  
and donations in memory of Betty Kale, Lillian Judd and Sylvia G. Sucher at the performance of *Erased: Babi Yar, the SS and Me* by Alfred & Susanne Batzdorff, Eleanor & Leonard Robert Cohen, Elizabeth Boyd & Dr. Eli Cohen, Miriam Susan Dregely, Evelyn Gurevitch, Art D. Kane, and Barbara Tomlin

### SSU Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide (C0183):

Jeanne Levin  
Lucille and Henry Libicki Donor Advised Continuity Fund of the Jewish Community Federation  
Lauren Newman  
Roberta and Murray Zucker Donor Advised Fund of the Jewish Community Federation

### Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture Fund (C0286):

Patrick T. Burger & Rosanne V. Bazirjian  
Todd W. Cereghino (in honor of the Armenians of Syria)  
Adrena Clemmer  
Christyne A. Davidian (in memory of Kathryn Cereghino)  
Larissa Goliti  
Medtronic Matching Fund (for Christyne Davidian)  
Medtronic Volunteer Grant (for Christyne Davidian)  
David Salm  
and donations in honor of the 101st Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide by Marsha L. & Paul C. Dalmas, Barbara Lesch & Michael (Mac) McCaffry, Pam & Joel Neuberger, Chiaya Rawlins, and Arline F. Thomas

### Holocaust and Genocide Program Documentary Fund (C0409)

Chiaya Rawlins

### Paul V. Benko Holocaust Education Endowment Fund (E0022):

Shelley Bauer (in memory of Holocaust survivors Ann & Walter Weinstock on the occasion of Yom Hashoah)  
Judith K. & Larry L. Carlin (in memory of Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Todd W. Cereghino (in memory of Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Cary Collett of Computers and More (in memory of Drs. Ilse and Walter Collett)  
Pearl & David S. Furman (to underwrite a lecture in memory of Ruth Mruvka and Gussie & Edward Furman)  
Flora Lee Ganzler (in honor of Wilson and Jackson Ganzler)  
Myrna L Goodman & Susanne Otteman (in memory of Evey Sackler & Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Evelyn Gurevitch  
Ruth K. & D. Steven Nash (in memory of Paul V. Benko)  
Pam & Joel Neuberger (in memory of Paul V. Benko)  
Donna Newman-Fields (in memory of Paul V. Benko)  
Robert & Suzy Raful (in honor of Board President Barbara Lesch McCaffry)  
Joel R. Rubin  
Joseph F. Schwartz  
Edith R. Sternfield-Squires (in memory of Sylvia G. Sucher)  
Stephen D. Watrous & Melanie B. Webster

### Adele Zygielbaum Endowment Fund (C0396):

Myrna L. Goodman & Susanne Otteman (in memory of Betty Kale)

And a generous grant for the lecture series from the Sonoma State University Students' Instructionally-Related Activities Fund

*This list includes donations received between January 1, 2016 and December 17, 2016. If we inadvertently omitted your name or listed it incorrectly, please let us know at [alliance@sonoma.edu](mailto:alliance@sonoma.edu)*



## Alliance History

The Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust was formed in 1982 on behalf of the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and the need to tell their stories and for others to learn from their experiences. Those who began this collaborative effort between the community and members of the Sonoma State University faculty promised to let the world know of the atrocities that had occurred. The initial intention was primarily to learn the facts, act on them, and never forget.

As a result of these efforts, a highly successful annual lecture series on the Holocaust and Genocide was created at Sonoma State University. As a University-community partnership, the Board includes members of the community, University faculty and administrators, and students who have participated in the Lecture Series. In 2010, the name of the Alliance was changed to the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide to reflect its revised mission and its continuing educational commitment to include all those affected by genocide.

## Alliance 2016-17 Board Members

Herbert Hans Angress

Todd Cereghino, *Recording Secretary*

Christyne Davidian, *Past President (SC)*

Miriam Susan Dregély

Myrna Goodman

Dennis Judd

Yehoyada Mbangukira, *Vice President (SC)*

Barbara Lesch McCaffry, *President and Treasurer (SC)*

Mac McCaffry, *Corresponding Secretary*

Kate McGerity

Chiaya Rawlins

Suzanne Roberts

Carol Swanson

Arline Thomas (SC)

Brian Wilson

### SENIOR ADVISORS

Mathilde Mukantabana

Virgil Miller

Joel Neuberg

David Salm

### EMERITUS BOARD MEMBERS

Ilka Hartmann

(SC) *Steering Committee members*

We extend our thanks to board member **Naomi Granvold** and to **Pam Ish**, a volunteer and dear friend who coordinated our mailing list and other data-related projects. Their contributions to the Alliance are truly appreciated. And we look forward to welcoming two new Board members in January: **Suzanne Roberts** and **Carol Swanson**.



Alliance Board Meeting on 5/11/16. Front Row: Christyne Davidian, Chiaya Rawlins, Hans Angress, Miriam Susan Dregély, Arline Thomas, Naomi Granvold and Barbara Lesch McCaffry. Back row: Todd Cereghino, Dennis Judd, Mac McCaffry, Kate McGerity, Brian Wilson and Myrna Goodman. Not included: Yehoyada (Yeho) Mbangukira



## Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide

c/o The Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide  
Sonoma State University  
1801 E. Cotati Avenue  
Rohnert Park, California 94928-3609

*Address Service  
Requested*

NON-PROFIT  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
SONOMA STATE

## TIME SENSITIVE

Address corrections or deletions can be requested using the enclosed donation envelope or via e-mail to [alliance@sonoma.edu](mailto:alliance@sonoma.edu). Those interested in receiving information about the lectures and special events should forward their name and e-mail address to [alliance@sonoma.edu](mailto:alliance@sonoma.edu) or “Like” our Facebook page at the **Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide**.



*Reception following the Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture on 3/22/16: Front Row: Board members Hans Angress, Naomi Granvold, Christyne Davidian and Barbara Lesch McCaffry. Middle row: Professor Carol Rittner and Board members Miriam Susan Drégely and Arline Thomas. Back row: Carol Hurwitz, Center Director Myrna Goodman and Sr. Deidre Mullan, RSM*

### Past Lecture Archives

Information and access to the video archive of past lectures can be found at <http://www.sonoma.edu/holocaust/>



Please like our Facebook page at Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide