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**36th Greater Lafayette Holocaust Remembrance Conference**  
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## Sunday, April 23 - 1:00 p.m. Opening Session

Krannert Auditorium, Purdue University

The conference opens with memorial prayers, the lighting of the Candle of Remembrance and the Candle of Hope, the Bach Chorale Youth Chorus, the Mayors' Proclamation, and the Engel Educator Awards.

## The 2017 Rabbi Gedalyah Engel Lecturer - 2:00 p.m.

Atina Grossmann, Author and Professor of History, Cooper Union

### Remapping Survival: Jewish Refugees and Lost Memories of Displacement, Trauma, and Rescue on the Margins of the Holocaust

Prof. Grossman unearths a story that has been absent from other Holocaust research. She writes about the 250,000 East European Jews who survived World War II because they were taken to Allied Displaced Persons camps in the Soviet Union. Her research also uncovered that Jewish refugees had a significant presence in internment camps, orphanages, and postwar Jewish relief efforts in Iran and India.

## Soulaf Abas, Artist, Art Educator, Indiana State University - 3:00 p.m. Seen for Syria

In 2012, a year after the Syrian revolution began, Ms. Abas, Syrian born, returned to Syria to visit family. After her return to Indiana, she used her artwork—which mainly focuses on the Syrian crisis—and her teaching skills to raise awareness about what is happening in Syria. In 2014, she created the Seen for Syria program, an initiative that combines art and gardening to help Syrian refugee children in Jordan cope with trauma. It also connects American children from Terre Haute with Syrian children through the exchange of artwork and letters.

### Art Exhibit:

*Images of Syria* will be on display during Sunday sessions only.

## Cole Varga, Executive Director of Exodus Refugee Immigration - 4:00 p.m. Refugee Resettlement in the Hoosier State

Mr. Varga's presentation will give an overview of refugee resettlement in Indiana. In 2016, Exodus resettled about 1,000 refugees from many countries. Its staff serves the needs of refugee newcomers from the point of arrival to self-sufficiency. Recently, Exodus welcomed Syrian and other refugees in Indianapolis and Bloomington.

## Panel Discussion - 7:30 p.m.

### Refugees in Indiana with Emphasis on the Lafayette Community

GLHRC committee members Joseph Cychosz and Christopher Kulesza. Community leaders Susan Brouillette, Lafayette Urban Ministry; Anita Sanford, Lafayette Adult Resource Academy; BJ Moyars, International Center of West Lafayette.

## April 24, 25, 26 - 6:45 p.m. Film Series

West Lafayette Public Library, Community room, 2nd floor

Monday, April 24: The Long Way Home

Tuesday, April 25: Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War

Wednesday, April 26: Salam Neighbor

## Monday, April 24 - 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Human Rights Symposium

Rawls Hall 2082, Purdue University

The public is invited to attend this refugee-centered program.

**See Facebook: Human Rights Program at Purdue for details.**

## Monday, April 24 - 4:30-8:00 p.m. Workshop for Educators

Lawson 1142, Purdue University

Elizabeth R. Osborn, Project Director of Teaching with Primary Sources, Center on Representative Government, Indiana University Bloomington, will provide teachers (grades 6–12) with classroom-ready primary-source activities and materials to enhance their classroom instruction about the Holocaust and refugees. **Registration required. See website for details: [www.glhrc.org](http://www.glhrc.org)**

## Tuesday, April 25 - 7:00 p.m. Performance: "937"

Directed by Stella Schafer

McCutcheon High School (Front Entrance), Lafayette

It's May 1939. Captain Gustav Schroeder pilots the *SS St. Louis* away from its home port in Hamburg, Germany. His goal: to deliver 937 Jewish refugees out of the reach of the Nazis. Yet, the passengers are denied refuge by several countries. This historical drama chronicles the perseverance of the *St. Louis's* passengers and their struggle to find freedom, safety, and even, love. **Commentary and Q/A will follow the performance. Middle school and high school students are encouraged to attend.**

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