

Thursday, 10 November 2022 at 6:30pm  
Temple Sinai Synagogue  
6227 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118



Jewish War Veterans  
of the United States of America

Ben Katz Post 580

## THE HONORABLE JUDGE SOL AND JACQUELINE GOTHARD JWV WOMEN'S SPEAKERS SERIES

"60 Years of Love. A Lifetime of Social Justice"

Featuring Professor Leah Garrett

### Young Lions: How Jewish Authors Reinvented the American War Novel

Keynote Speaker, Professor Leah Garrett will provide an overview of Jewish service in the military in WW2 by discussing how Jews served at disproportionately high rates and were at the forefront of many military campaigns. Focusing on the soldiers turned authors - Norman Mailer, Joseph Heller, and Herman Wouk – she will also discuss their military service and show how their bestselling novels used the theme of World War II to reshape the American public's ideas about war, the Holocaust, and the role of Jews in postwar life.



Leah Garrett is Professor and Director of Jewish Studies at Hunter College, City University of New York (CUNY). She has published five books in Jewish studies and won and was shortlisted for numerous literary prizes. Her new book, *X Troop: The Secret Jewish Commandos of World War Two*, has been featured on CNN, Time Magazine, The Guardian, C-SPAN and a range of other venues. The Daily Telegraph called it "a thrilling story, well-told," while the Times of London labelled it as "gripping," and The Jerusalem Report called it "stunning...an incredible moving story of Jewish heroism."

### JWV Ben Katz P580 Honors the Contributions of Jewish ServiceMembers, Women and Family

This Speakers' Series is a celebration of the lives of the Gothards, two of Post 580's most cherished members, and a way to recognize the roles and contributions of Jewish Women in preserving the legacy of Jewish American military service. It is Post 580's intent to host annually a Jewish Woman Veteran or Civilian to discuss the service and sacrifices of American Jews during a period in our country's history in memory of the Gothards.

Refreshments provided. Bus transportation from Metairie depended upon having 40 individuals RSVP. Please utilize the email addresses below for RSVPs no later than 31 October 2022 to assist with logistical allocations.

For LiveStream: <https://www.templestinainola.com/temple-sinai-tv.html>



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- married for over 60 years and grew their family of five children within the parameters of Judaism, public service, and social justice
- Jackie, along with her son, Eddie, led the efforts to restore the historic Congregation Beth Israel to its rightful place in the community when its building was destroyed during Hurricane Katrina (2005), as well as supporting and upholding the faith of New Orleans Jews
- following his wife to New Orleans in the 1950s, Sol engaged in Social Work, but eventually pursued a career in law. As an attorney, he ran and was elected to Louisiana judgeships in both parish and state courts. Judge Sol also catered to one of his deepest passions of leading discussions of how American law was founded in Torah after his retirement from the bench
- Judge Sol served in the United States Army during the Korean War era. Having older brothers who served during World War II and as a United States Army Veteran, he never forgot those who sacrificed
- Ben Katz Post 580's (P580) stride towards equality for all who served is due to Judge Sol and Jackie's efforts. Judge Sol's recruitment tactics were acknowledged nationally by JWV. He exceeded his peers' numbers and increased his post diversity by soliciting non-Jews, which surprisingly included a Kurdish-American's allegiance to JWV
- Judge Sol also led the charge to place Women Veterans in P580's leadership ranks by supporting the election of Women to the Senior Vice-Commander and Chief-of-Staff positions in 2018. P580 now has its first Woman commander, and JWV has its second African-American Jewish Woman elected as Post Commander in its history
- mandated P580's participation in Civil Rights events, such as the annual Martin Luther King Jr. parade held every January, being the only Military Service Organization in New Orleans to do so
- are beloved members of the greater New Orleans area who shared their faith, love, family, and vision for the future throughout the entire community

**Dr. Shayna Gothard Kaufmann, Ph.D**  
**Family Speaker, Judge Sol and Jackie's Beloved Daughter**