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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

HER SOUTH FLORIDA NEIGHBORS NEVER KNEW: AT NINE, SHE FOUGHT THE NAZIS AND WAS DECORATED BY THE POPE. NOW HER STORY COMES HOME TO SOUTH FLORIDA.

Bestselling author Dr. Janet Bond Brill brings her mother-in-law's untold story to FAU for one free night, Dec. 16

BOCA RATON, Fla. – For nearly 40 years, Edna Brill lived quietly at The Tiffany in Bal Harbour. Few of her neighbors knew that as a 9-year-old Jewish girl, she had escaped the Warsaw Ghetto, hidden as a Catholic orphan and carried weapons as an armed courier in the 1944 Warsaw Uprising. She was wounded, decorated for bravery, and in 1946 received a medal from Pope Pius XII himself, who never knew the young hero before him was Jewish.

Now her daughter-in-law is bringing that story home. On **Wednesday, Dec. 16**, Dr. Janet Bond Brill will present **Little Edna's War**, a live cinematic multimedia program, at Friedberg Auditorium at FAU's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Boca Raton. Admission and parking are free.

Brill, a longtime Parkland resident who taught at the University of Miami and Florida International University, is producing the event herself, at her own expense. She will not be selling books.

“South Florida was Edna’s home for decades, and almost no one here knew what she had done,” said Brill. “My goal is simple: I want to fill Friedberg Auditorium with people who will hear Edna’s story and carry it forward.”

The program weaves Edna’s own USC Shoah Foundation video testimony with archival photographs, wartime documents, music and visual storytelling. The book behind it, *Little Edna’s War*, ranks among Amazon’s Top 5 bestselling Holocaust biographies.

Edna’s husband, Harry Brill, was also a survivor. He reached Palestine aboard the famed refugee ship *Exodus 1947* and fought in Israel’s War of Independence before the couple made their life in South Florida.

EVENT DETAILS

- **What:** Little Edna’s War: A Live Multimedia Presentation
- **When:** Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2026, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- **Where:** Friedberg Auditorium, FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton
- **Cost:** Free admission and parking; RSVP required
- **RSVP:** littleednaswar.com/florida
- Professional security on site

FOR MEDIA: INTERVIEWS AND VISUALS

Dr. Brill is available for interviews before the event. For photos of Edna through the years, Author Janet Brill and the event graphic, click here: LittleEdnasWar.com

About Dr. Janet Bond Brill

Janet Bond Brill, PhD, is the bestselling author of six books with more than 200,000 copies in print, from publishers including Random House and Wiley. She holds three degrees from the University of Miami. Learn more at JanetBondBrill.com.

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