



Looking forward while remembering the past

2021 Virtual Tea and Annual Meeting

August 29, 3:00 PM ET

Rebuilding Lives: From D. P. Camps to the U.S. and Israel

Program Speakers

DR. BETH B. COHEN



Beth B. Cohen received a PhD in Holocaust history from Clark University's Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and a Master's degree in psychology from Harvard University. Her first book, *Case Closed: Holocaust Survivors in Postwar America*, analyzes the reception of adult survivors by the American Jewish community. Cohen's recent book, *Child Survivors of the Holocaust: The Youngest Remnant and the American Experience*, which was a 2018 Wiener Library Ernst Fraenkel Book Award finalist, investigates child survivors and their complex identity as survivors, children, and Americans. Her work on the postwar experience of survivors also appear in Fogelman, Kangisser Cohen, and Ofer, co-editors, *Children in the Holocaust and its Aftermath*; Kangisser Cohen and Ofer, co-editors, *Starting Anew, The Rehabilitation of Child Survivors of the Holocaust in the Early Postwar Years*; Patt and Berkowitz, co-editors, *We Are Here: New Approaches to Displaced Persons in Germany*; Cesarani and Sundquist, co-editors, *After the Holocaust: Challenging the Myth of Silence*; *Agency and the Holocaust, Essays in Honor of Debórah Dwork*; and the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of Jewish Women, Yad Vashem Studies*, among other publications.

Cohen is the recipient of numerous awards, including a "Life Reborn" postdoctoral fellowship from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, two Senior Scholar awards from the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute

fellowship, and a Peter Hayes grant. Before beginning her academic work, Cohen was Director of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum from 1988-1998. She also served as a consultant to March of the Living, the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, Facing History and Ourselves, as well as for several documentary films and museums. Since moving to Los Angeles in 2005, Cohen has taught at area universities including California State University, Northridge, UCLA, Loyola Marymount, and Chapman University

DR. DALIA OFER



Dalia Ofer is the Max and Rita Haber Professor of Holocaust and East European Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, emerita. She received the 1992 Ben Zvi Award for her book *Escaping the Holocaust: Illegal Immigration to the Land of Israel* and the Jewish Book Award for the English version. *Women in the Holocaust*, co-edited with Lenore Weizman, was the 1999 finalist both in the women and Holocaust categories. In 2018, she received the Distinguished Achievement Award in Holocaust Studies from the Holocaust Educational Foundation of Northwestern University.

Ofer directed the Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry in 2003–2007 and the Vidal Sassoon International Research Center for the Study of Anti-Semitism in 1995–2002. She was a visiting professor at Harvard, Yale, Brandeis, the University of Maryland, and the University of Sidney Australia, and was a Charles H. Revson Foundation fellow at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Ofer has published extensively on the Holocaust, Holocaust memory, and immigration to Israel. She is the academic co-editor with Paula Hyman of *Jewish Women: A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia* (2006); Françoise S. Ouzan and Judy Tydor Baumel-Schwartz, co-editors *Holocaust Survivors: Resettlement, Memories, Identities* (2012); editor *Israel in the Eyes of the Survivors* (Hebrew, 2014); *The History of the Jewish Police in the Viliampole (Kovno) Ghetto*, (Hebrew, 2016); Sharon Kangisser Cohen and Eva Fogelman, co-editors *Children in the Holocaust and its Aftermath: Historical and Psychological Studies of the Kestenberg Archive* (2017); Sharon Kangisser Cohen co-editor *Starting Anew, The Rehabilitation of Child Survivors of the Holocaust in the Early Postwar Period* (2019); and *Lipman Kunstadt, Diary from Hell in Transnistria 1942–1944* (2020).

IRA BRENNER, MD



Dr. Ira Brenner is Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, and Training and Supervising Analyst at the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia where he is Director emeritus of the Adult Psychotherapy Training Program. He also serves as Behavioral Consultant to the San Diego Zoo.

Dr. Brenner has a special interest in the area of psychological trauma. He chairs the American Psychoanalytic Association meetings of the Holocaust Discussion Group and co-chairs the Dissociative Disorders Discussion Group. He has authored more than 100 publications, co-edited three special issues of *The International Journal of Applied Psychoanalytic Studies*, and has published six books: co-author with Judith Kestenberg *The Last Witness—The Child Survivor of the Holocaust* (1996); *Dissociation of Trauma—Theory, Phenomenology, and Technique* (2001); *Psychic Trauma—Dynamics, Symptoms, and Treatment* (2004); *Injured Men—Trauma, Healing, and the Masculine Self* (2009); *Dark Matter —Exploring the Realm of Psychic Devastation* (2014); and *The Handbook of Psychoanalytic Holocaust Studies—International Perspectives* (2020).

Dr. Brenner is a Distinguished Life fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, a fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia and of the American College of Psychoanalysts. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. Dr. Brenner has received numerous awards, including the Gratz Research Prize for his work on the Holocaust, 2001 Piaget Writing Award, 2009 Gradiva Award, 2002 Bruno Lima Award for his work in Disaster Psychiatry, Philadelphia Psychiatric Society Practitioner of the Year Award, 2016 Presidential Award from the PA Psychiatric Society, and 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation. He also received the 2017 Hayman Award for Holocaust Studies from the International Psychoanalytical Association.

Dr. Brenner lectures globally and has a private adult and child analysis practice in the greater Philadelphia area.