

“MOTHERLAND: GROWING UP WITH THE HOLOCAUST”

FEATURING AUTHOR DR. RITA GOLDBERG

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Join us for an evening with author Dr. Rita Goldberg at the **McClung Museum in Knoxville, TN, Thursday, December 7, 2017.** Dr. Goldberg will speak at **7 PM**, and a special reception will follow her presentation. Please find a short biography for Dr. Goldberg below:

“I am the child of a woman who survived the Holocaust not by the skin of her teeth but heroically,” writes Rita Goldberg. In a deeply moving second-generation Holocaust memoir, Goldberg introduces the extraordinary story of Hilde Jacobsthal, a close friend of Anne Frank’s family who was fifteen when the Nazis invaded Holland. After the arrest of her parents in 1943, Hilde fled to Belgium, living out the war years in an extraordinary set of circumstances—among the Resistance and at Bergen-Belsen after its liberation—that the *Guardian* newspaper judged “worthy of a film script.”

As astonishing as Hilde’s story is, Rita herself emerges as the central, fascinating character in this utterly unique account. Proud of her mother and yet struggling to forge an identity in the shadow of such heroic accomplishments (in a family setting that included close relationships with the iconic Frank family), Rita Goldberg reveals a little-explored aspect of Holocaust survival: the often-wrenching family and interpersonal struggles of the children and grandchildren whose own lives are haunted by historic tragedy.

Motherland is the culmination of a lifetime of reflection and a decade of research. It is an epic story of survival, adventure, and new life.

This event is free and open to the public. Copies of Dr. Goldberg’s book will be available for purchase and signing at the reception. For more information about the event, please contact Danielle Kahane-Kaminsky at danielle.kahane-kaminsky@vanderbilt.edu.

