



Sacks~Wilner

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION PROGRAM

Learn so that we remember

*Established by a bequest from
Dr. Arthur and Esther Sacks-Wilner*

Sunday, December 11, 2011



Fourth Annual Sacks-Wilner Program
1 p.m. Lecture ~ followed by a Dessert Reception

Hazzan Steven Stoehr
*“The Holocaust: How Much
More Personal Can It Get?”*

Adath Israel Congregation. Open to the community.

Sunday, March 25, 2012



Fifth Annual Sacks-Wilner Program
10 a.m. Lecture ~ followed by a Dessert Reception

Dr. David Bell
Professor of History, Princeton University
“The Jews in France: A Paradoxical History”

Adath Israel Congregation. Open to the community.

Sunday, April 22, 2012

2:30 p.m. Community Observance of Yom HaShoah

*Presentation: Jack Zaifman Humanitarian Award
with Rider University*

Sponsored by Adath Israel Congregation, Sacks-Wilner Holocaust Education Program,
and The Julius and Dorothy Koppelman Holocaust/Genocide Resource Center
at Rider University. Adath Israel Congregation. Open to the community.



Dr. Arthur Sacks-Wilner had a life-long commitment to learning and to Judaism with a strong focus on European Jewish history and the Holocaust. In his lifetime, he was recognized for his service to this country having received the Selective Service Medal by the United States Congress as well as Special Certificates of Appreciation from Harry S. Truman, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Richard Nixon.

Esther Sacks-Wilner was not only his dedicated life partner, she was, in her own right, committed to the welfare of the greater Mercer County Jewish community. Through her work in Deborah Hospital, Greenwood House, the Sisterhood of Adath Israel, and Hadassah, Esther, like Arthur, saw the value of service to the larger community.

It is the hope of the family that promoting Holocaust education will help establish a world in which hatred and prejudice will be diminished and freedom and dignity are increased.

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HAZZAN STEVEN STOEHR

is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He continued his studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary's Cantors Institute, attaining his Sacred

Music Degree and Diploma of Hazzan in 1988.

Hazzan Stoehr arrived in Northbrook, Ill., at Congregation Beth Shalom, to serve his first full-time pulpit twenty-three years ago and has served the Jewish community on many levels and has been called upon by various arms of the Conservative Movement to lecture and perform throughout the United States. Locally he proudly serves as chaplain for Riverwoods police department and sits on the Board of Directors for the Chicagoland Jewish High School.

For his professional organization, the Cantors' Assembly, he has served as President of the Midwest Region, chairman of the Ambassador's Program, member of the Ethics Committee and co-chair of the 1994, 1997 and 2006 and 2011 National Conventions. In 1998 Steven produced an international concert on Ellis Island and sang in Carnegie Hall as part of the Assembly's Jubilee Celebration. He most recently has served the Cantors Assembly as its international President.

In relationship to his dedicated efforts, his friend and congregant Harvey L. Miller has endowed the Jewish Theological Seminary's H. L. Miller Cantorial School. In 2002 he was granted the Hazzan David Putterman Award by the Jewish Theological Seminary for excellence in his career.. As well Hazzan Stoehr is the first Cantor ever appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Theological Seminary. In 2008 was awarded a Doctorate in Music, Honorius Causa, from JTSA. In 2010 he was one of a select group appointed to the Chancellor's Committee for Revision of the HL Miller Cantorial School. As well that year he was awarded the Samuel Rosenbaum Award for scholarship and creativity.

Through Hazzan Stoehr's leadership and foresight his community has established several watershed programs. He had aided his synagogue in developing their own Chevre Kaddishe that attends to individuals at life's most fragile moment. Steven has edited several educational booklets for his community, primarily in the realm of mourning rites and traditions.

One of his publications was translated into French and Spanish for the Masorti Movement in Europe. Additionally benefitting the casue of Masorti Judaism Steven partnered with Cantor Jaclyn Chernett of the UK to launch the European Academy of Jewish Liturgy in 2007 along with Hazzan Sol Zim and Rabbi Chuck Simon, in London and Paris.

As the son of a Holocaust survivor he has developed a passion for the Jewish communities of Eastern Europe that has led him to lead a synagogue mission and has continued doing philanthropic projects for towns in several countries in which he has visited. Steven was responsible for the programming and actualizing of the Day at Auschwitz/Birkenau which was featured in the recently celebrated documentary 100 Voices: A Journey Home for the Cantors Assembly.

Cantor Stoehr has released three CD recordings: A Mosaic of the Spirit in 1999, his second, An Audience of One, a High Holiday recording of prayers, in 2002 and Shabbatone – a CBS Friday Night Happening in 2010.. He is honored that a selection from each has been chosen for the prestigious United Synagogue/Cantors Assembly joint CD project. He is presently awaiting the approval of the publishing of his first book.

Steven, his wife Susan, children Jacob, Talia and Alana reside in Northbrook.



DAVID A. BELL is Sidney and Ruth Lapidus Professor in the Era of North Atlantic Revolutions in the Department of History at Pinceton University. Born in New York City in 1961, he received his A.B. from Harvard

and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Princeton, and has also taught at Yale and Johns Hopkins. From 2007 to 2010 he served as Dean of Faculty in Johns Hopkins's School of Arts and Sciences.

Bell's academic specialty is the history of early modern and modern France. He is the author of three books: *Lawyers and Citizens* (Oxford University Press, 1994); *The Cult of the Nation in France* (Harvard University Press, 2001); and *The First Total War* (Houghton Mifflin, 2007), which has been translated into French, Spanish and Portuguese. Bell's research has been supported by grants from the Guggenheim Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Bell writes regularly about European history and politics for a range of publications. He is a Contributing Editor to *The New Republic* (where his byline first appeared in 1984), and also writes regularly for *The London Review of Books*. Among the other periodicals to which he has contributed are *The New York Times Magazine*, *The New York Times Book Review*, *The Times Literary Supplement*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Slate*, *Le Point* and *Die Zeit*.