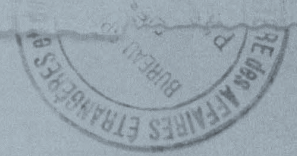


OUT OF CHAOS

Hidden Children Remember the Holocaust

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A TRAVELING EXHIBITION FROM ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION:

How was a young boy able to survive in an attic, alone, for two years?

How did a young child cope with being hidden in a convent, while her sister was hidden in a nearby farm, and her parents were sent to a concentration camp?

How was a young girl able to survive on the run, with only forged papers to keep her safe?

These incredible stories of survival, strength, and courageousness in the face of unspeakable horrors are those of the hidden children during the Holocaust.

This exhibition tells the tales of Chicago area hidden children who survived the Holocaust. Through over 70 pictures, panels, interviews, and biographical narratives, visitors can learn the personal stories of these survivors who braved tremendous odds when they were only children.

Out of Chaos: Hidden Children Remember the Holocaust is based on a book of the same name, published by Northwestern University Press. In the book, photographs accompany each of the hidden children's personal stories and anecdotes which relate to their lives in Europe during the war. Each panel in the exhibition represents one of the twenty-four authors of the book and features photographs of these hidden children as well as their personal stories of what they experienced during the war.



Werner Rindsberg (later called Walter Reed) center and brothers Kurt and Herbert, Germany, about 1934. Both brothers were murdered in Poland in 1942.



Ida Paluch Kersz's and Adam Paluch's family, Sosnowiec, Poland, 1940. Their mother, Ester Wajntraub-Paluch, holds Ida and Adam on her lap.

ABOUT THE HIDDEN CHILDREN:

A generation of Jewish children disappeared during the Holocaust. When they weren't killed outright, they died of hunger, disease, or other Holocaust-induced causes. Yet a handful of children did survive.

To survive, most of these children were hidden in some fashion, sometimes with their families but mostly alone. They lived with Christian families, in convents, farms, forests, underground caves, attics, or other makeshift shelters.

Silent for a long time, possibly because their parents could not break their silence, some of these hidden children began to speak about forty-five years after the end of the war. The relief they found in speaking led them to other hidden children with experiences similar to theirs. These connections grew worldwide, and in 1991, the first international gathering of sixteen hundred Hidden Children was held in New York. It was organized by the Hidden Child Committee, with the help of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).

The Hidden Children/Child Survivors Chicago group consists of local Jewish adults who were hidden during the Holocaust in order to survive. Like other child survivors, they are the last generation to have witnessed the Holocaust.

CONTENTS:

Exhibition Components:

- 73 panels total
- Introduction panel and panel about the authors
- 24 survivor biography panels
- 46 accompanying photograph panels (approximately 2 per survivor)

Accompanying Materials:

Option to sell *Out of Chaos: Hidden Children Remember the Holocaust* published by Northwestern University Press at institution

Exhibition Size:

Approximately 50 running feet

Security Requirements: Low

Exhibition Fee:

Digital - \$400 rental fee

Non-digital - \$750 rental fee + shipping

ABOUT ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER:

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center is located in Skokie, Illinois. The mission of IHMEC is expressed in its founding principle: Remember the Past, Transform the Future. The Museum is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Holocaust by honoring the memories of those who were lost and by teaching universal lessons that combat hatred, prejudice, and indifference. The Museum fulfills its mission through the exhibition, preservation, and interpretation of its collections and through education programs and initiatives that foster the promotion of human rights and the elimination of genocide.

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