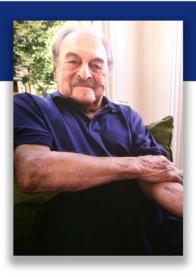
Maintaining Memory: Stories of the Holocaust

As the world commemorates Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), BJBE is honored to welcome survivors of the Holocaust to share their stories of heroism, survival, and renewal. It is a privilege and a sacred duty to bear witness to their stories.

GEORGE BRENT

April 15, 2018, 9:45 - 11:00 a.m.

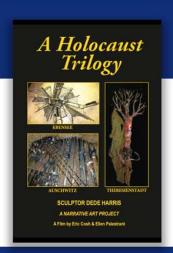
When a non-Jew was brought into town to take over his father's pharmacy in Téscö (now Hungary), his family was forced into the Jewish ghetto. Three days later, they were put on a train to Auschwitz-Birkenau. He and his father were selected to work, while his mother and brother were sent to the gas chambers. As the Russian army advanced in January 1945, George was sent on a death march and then taken by coal train to Mauthausen. From there, he was sent to a smaller camp in Austria that was later liberated by American soldiers on May 5, 1945. After the war, he learned his father was still alive; they reunited and both made their way to the United States in 1949.



SCREENING OF "A HOLOCAUST TRILOGY"

April 22, 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Artist DeDe Harris discusses the depth of evil and the height of courage evidenced during the Holocaust. As she describes her sculptures, she also reveals little known stories of three concentration camps: Ebensee, Auschwitz, and Theresienstadt. In this remarkable video, she informs us about the meaning she incorporated into the sculptures. This is a spiritual and compelling presentation, combining knowledge of the Holocaust, skills developed from a lifetime of work as an artist, and the use of materials collected from a variety of unusual locations. DeDe will take questions after the screening.



ERNST "ERNIE" HEIMANN

April 29, 2018, 9:45 -11:00 a.m.

During Kristallnacht, November 9-10, 1938, Ernie's school and synagogue were destroyed. In the aftermath of these events, his parents knew they had to get Ernie out of Germany. On February 1, 1939, Ernie was placed on a Kindertransport to England. His maternal aunt, who lived in England and sponsored him, arranged for Ernie to live with an English family just outside of London. In September 1939, Ernie and others from his village were evacuated to the countryside because of the bombing in London. Ernie would remain in England for four years, until he came to the United States in 1943.



