

Joseph Gotthelf Holocaust Memorial Lecture

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THE FARHUD—THE ARAB-NAZI ALLIANCE DURING THE HOLOCAUST— FOCUS OF 2013 JOSEPH GOTTHELF HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL LECTURE AT PARSIPPANY SYNAGOGUE FRIDAY APRIL 5

Parsippany, NJ, March 29, 2012—Award-winning, New York Times bestselling investigative author and journalist Edwin Black will present the annual Joseph Gotthelf Holocaust Memorial Lecture held at Temple Beth Am in Parsippany on Friday, April 5, at 7:30pm.

Black received the Hadassah Ahavat Yisrael service award for his new book, *The Farhud—Roots of the Arab-Nazi Alliance in the Holocaust,*” which comprehensively documents how the Pan-Arabist and Jihadist movement of the Levant, led by the Mufti of Jerusalem, collaborated with the Nazis during the Holocaust.

The Lecture is part of the yearly commemoration of Yom Hashoah, a day set aside to memorialize those lost in the Holocaust.

The Nazi’s need for oil and the Arabs desire to remove the Jews and British from Palestine and Iraq ignited the Mufti of Jerusalem’s alliance with Hitler. The horrific result was the Nazi-style pogrom in June 1941 in Baghdad that set the stage for the devastation and expulsion of the Iraqi Jews, and ultimately almost a million Jews across the Arab world. *Farhud* is an Arabic word meaning violent dispossession.

Black’s mother and father were Holocaust survivors from Poland.

The April 5 lecture in Parsippany is sponsored by the Joseph Gotthelf Holocaust Memorial Fund.

Joseph Gotthelf was born and raised in Lodz, Poland, and survived the early years of the Holocaust in the Piotrikow Ghetto. In 1944 the ghetto was liquidated by the Nazis and he and his family were taken to Auschwitz. He, his father and brother were liberated on the Death March from Auschwitz to Germany.

In rebuilding his life and family in the United States after the war, Joseph Gotthelf was committed to preserving the memory of the Holocaust.

Following his death, his family established an endowment for a series of annual lectures by distinguished speakers on the Holocaust. The lecture is now in its 24th year.

The April 5 lecture at Temple Beth Am follows Shabbat services that begin Friday at 7:30 P.M. Temple Beth Am is located at 879 Beverwyck Road in Parsippany.

For more information call (973) 887-0046.

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