

The Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies presents

## MIDDLE SCHOOL LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENCE

# COURAGE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 & WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

RVCC THEATRE

### PRESENTERS:



**MAUD DAHME** was born in 1936 in the Netherlands. As Jews in Holland were being sent to the concentration camps in 1942, a Christian friend urged Maud's parents to send Maud, age 6, and her sister Rita, age 4, into hiding. With the help of the Dutch underground resistance, Maud and her sister were hidden for three years by two different Christian farm families. Maud has a memoir, *Chocolate, The Taste of Freedom: The Holocaust Memoir of a Hidden Dutch Child*, which was published in 2015. Maud has four children and nine grandchildren. She has dedicated her life to Holocaust education. **(Presenting Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>)**



**TOVA FRIEDMAN** miraculously survived Auschwitz with her mother at the age of 6 ½. Her experience and that of her friends were published in, *Surviving Auschwitz*, edited by Milton J Nieuwsma. She appeared on TV and has a number of interviews on YouTube. Tova came to the U.S. at age 12. She received a B.A. in psychology from Brooklyn College, an M.A. in Black Literature from the City College of New York and a M.A. in Social Work from Rutgers University. She taught at Hebrew University and was the director of Jewish Family Services for over 20 years. Tova shares her story with students, at public & private schools, at colleges and places of worship, and prisons. Tova is married for 60 years, a mother of four children and a grandmother of 8 grandchildren. **(Presenting Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>)**



**DANIEL TRUST** is the President and CEO of Daniel Trust Foundation, an award-winning youth development nonprofit organization that provides mentorship and financial support to disadvantaged students and their teachers in Bridgeport, CT and New York, NY. Daniel is a survivor of the Rwandan Genocide and he immigrated to the United States as a refugee at the age of 15. Daniel is a proud member of the LGBTQ community. As an international speaker, Daniel has spoken to thousands of people in Asia and at high schools, colleges, and conferences throughout the United States. **(Presenting both days)**



**MIGUEL ANGEL RODRIGUEZ** is a first generation Mexican-American Entrepreneur and Public Speaker. Miguel has spoken to over 300 schools across the country sharing his story and spreading the message of love, kindness, and embracing ones diversity. Miguel uses a mixture of story telling, spoken word, and high energy music to captivate and inspire his audience. He is also a part of the Think Kindness Team. Their mission is to spread Kindness throughout schools and communities around the world. **(Presenting both days)**

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