

The **Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies** presents

***SYRIA'S SECRET LIBRARY:  
READING AND REDEMPTION IN A TOWN UNDER  
SEIGE. JOIN US AS WE HEAR FROM AUTHOR/ BBC  
REPORTER, MIKE THOMSON.***

**Friday, November 20th, 10 – 11 AM (EST) Zoom Webinar**

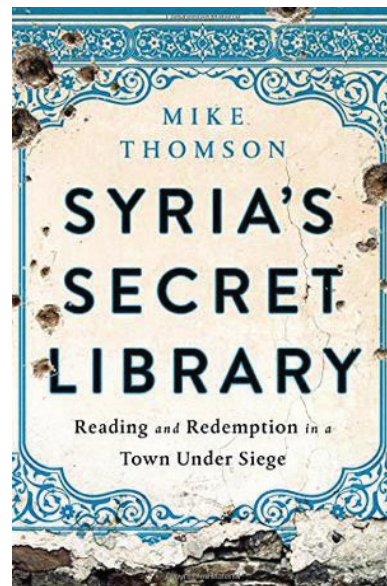
*Join us for this inspirational Online program with live Q&A. This book is about the remarkable story of a small, makeshift library in the town of Daraya, and the people who found hope and humanity in its books during a four-year siege.*

Daraya lies on the fringe of Damascus, just southwest of the Syrian capital. Yet for four years it lived in another world. Besieged by government forces early in the Syrian Civil War, its people were deprived of food, bombarded by heavy artillery, and under the constant fire of snipers. But deep beneath this scene of frightening devastation lay a hidden library. While the streets above echoed with shelling and rifle fire, the secret world below was a haven of books.

The story of this extraordinary place and the people who found purpose and refuge in it is one of hope, human resilience, and above all, the timeless, universal love of literature and the compassion and wisdom it fosters.

**Syria's Secret Library Registration Link:**

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**This program is free. To join this global discussion & or if you have any questions about the Fall programs: Email Program Specialist Michelle Edgar at [michelle.edgar@raritanval.edu](mailto:michelle.edgar@raritanval.edu).**

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