A SHAYNA MAIDEL

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Meeting with Scott Littky

On September 14th, 2021, The Cast had a meeting with Scott Littky, Executive Director of the Institute for Holocaust Education. Scott Littky served as one of the Dramaturgs for the production of A Shayna Maidel at Nebraska Wesleyan University. During this meeting, Littky provided vital knowledge including these main points: What is antisemitism, What was the Holocaust and why the Jews, Migration of Jews to America from 1880 to pre World War II, and the role of Jewish Ritual. From this meeting, actors gained a deeper understanding to the importance of A Shayna Maidel. Littky encouraged actors to look deeper into the stories of the characters they’re portraying.

Littky suggested looking on the US Holocaust Museum website, reading the books The Jungle, Night, and Witness and watching the documentary The Devil Next Door.

Key Information

Antisemitism is the oldest hatred

During the rise of the socialist party in Germany, Jews were blamed for all of Germany’s problems following WWI.

The figure of 6 million we hear in regards to Holocaust victims is not exact; we only have the names of 3 million.

Those who do not have names or faces as of now probably never will.

In camps, boys tried to look older and people claimed work experience they didn’t have. If you could work, you could live longer.

Most families were separated in camps.

Survivors are usually divided between those who wanted to tell everyone everything, and those who never wanted to speak of their experiences again.
You can't put life on a piece of paper... or Love.
- A Shayna Maidel
The Cochrane-Woods library is hosting a special traveling exhibition titled Americans and the Holocaust. The Exhibit focuses on when and what Americans knew about the Holocaust and the range of their responses. It is made possible by a partnership with the American Library Association and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. The exhibit has free admission from October 6th-November 17th on the first floor of the Cochrane-Woods Library.
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HERE I AM
HOME THEN I
LOOK LIKE
BELONGING
MORE
- A SHAYNA
MAIDEL
More Readings

A Quiet America - Andy Marino
The Boy In the Striped Pajamas - John Boyne
Why? Explaining the Holocaust - Peter Hayes
Night - Elie Wiesel
The Things we Cannot Say - Kelly Rimmer
The Long Road Home - Ben Shephard
Contested Memories - Joshua D. Zimmerman
Among the Righteous - Robert Satloff
Two Rings - Millie Werber; Eve Keller
What we Knew - Eric A Johnson; Karl-Heinz Reuband
We Survived - Eric H Boehm
How Could This Happen - Dan McMillan
Remembering Voices of the Holocaust - Lyn Smith
And the World Closed Its Doors - David Clay Large
SPECIAL THANKS
Joan Korte
Julie Wilshusen
Rebecca Armstrong
Scott Littkey
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A Shayna Maidel
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