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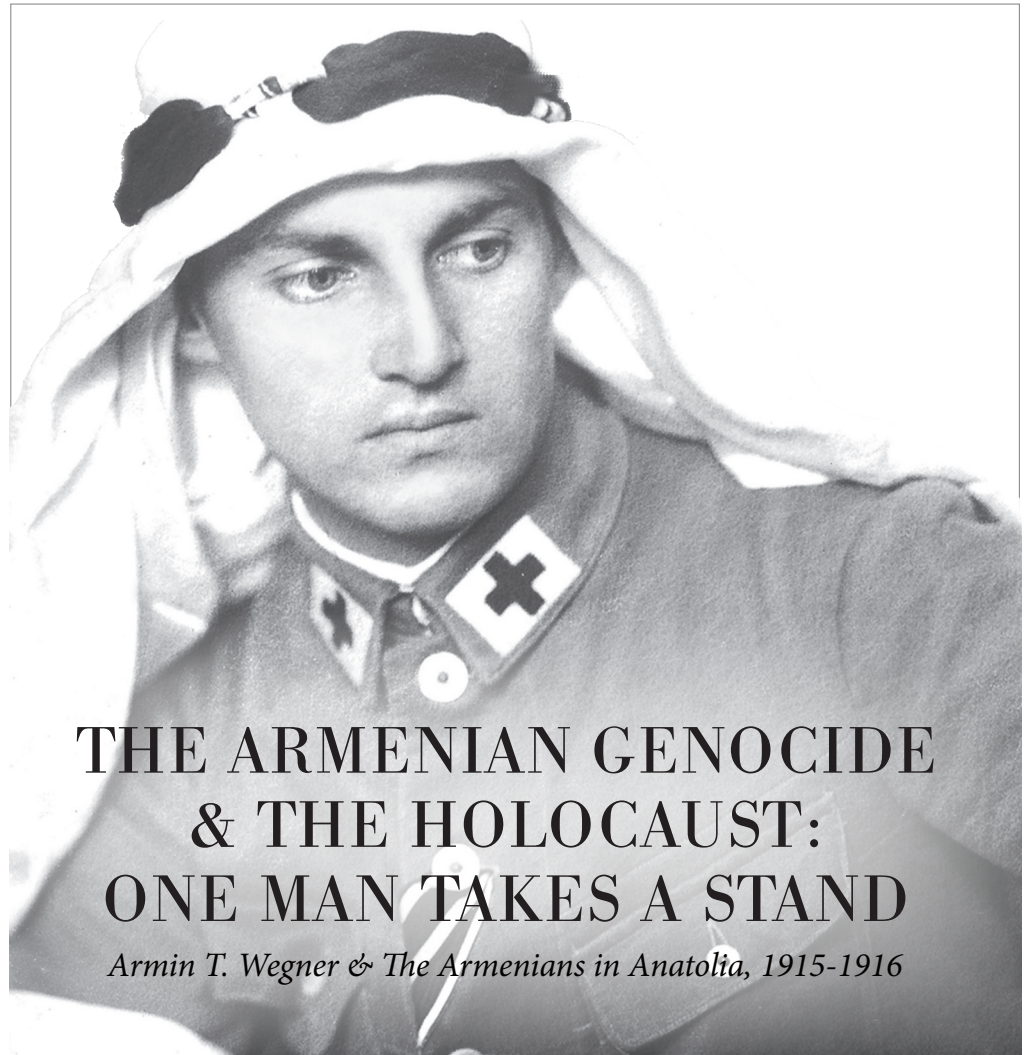
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THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE & THE HOLOCAUST: ONE MAN TAKES A STAND

Armin T. Wegner & The Armenians in Anatolia, 1915-1916

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JANUARY 26 – MAY 22, 2009

Please join us for
Program & Reception

Sunday, April 26, 2009 | 3pm

Wosk Auditorium | 950 West 41st Avenue

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Armin T. Wegner & the Armenians in Anatolia, 1915-1916, a travelling exhibit produced by the Armin T. Wegner Society USA, is presented in Vancouver by the Armenian National Committee of Canada and the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre

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Yom HaShoah

Holocaust Memorial Day

27 Nisan 5769

COMMUNITY COMMEMORATIVE EVENING

7:30 PM | Monday, April 20, 2009

WOSK AUDITORIUM | JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE OF GREATER VANCOUVER

Featuring

Robbie Waisman, Buchenwald Concentration Camp Child Survivor

Claire Klein Osipov

Cantor Yaacov Orzech &

Eric Wilson, cello

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Yom HaShoah is commemorated by Jewish communities worldwide to reflect on the depth and enormity of the loss experienced by Jews during the Holocaust. In 2003, the Canadian House of Commons voted unanimously, to recognize Holocaust Memorial Day on the day corresponding to the Jewish calendar's Yom HaShoah. Similar memorial days have since been proclaimed in every province, including British Columbia.

This year's commemorative program will offer the community a unique opportunity to hear the first hand account of a Holocaust child survivor. Robbie Waisman was fourteen years old when he was liberated from Buchenwald Concentration Camp on April 11, 1945. Born in Skarszysko Poland, Robbie was the youngest of six children, but only he and his sister survived the war.

The Yom HaShoah Commemorative evening, produced by Wendy & Ron Stuart (WRS Productions), will feature Vancouver's Claire Klein Osipov, a consummate performer of Yiddish music. Osipov has performed across Canada and on radio and television. She has made numerous recordings and has directed several children's choirs.

Also featured on the program will be Perry Ehrlich and Lisa Ehrlich as well as a number of talented local young people performing Yiddish and Hebrew songs. As it is every year, a central element of the program will be the candle lighting ceremony in memory of those who perished.

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Armin T. Wegner & The Armenians in Anatolia, 1915-1916

BY NINA KRIEGER | VHEC EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Armenian
deportees,
Central
Asia Minor,
1915.

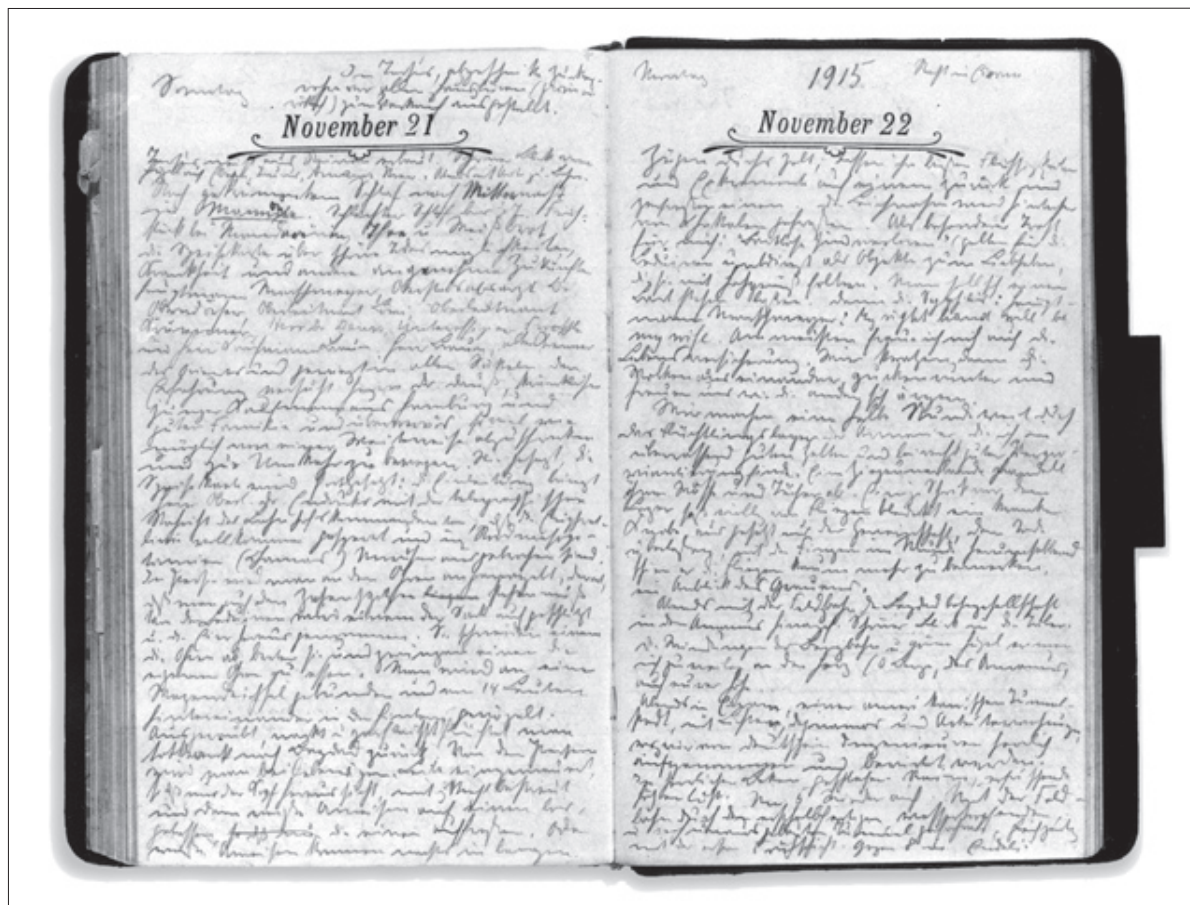


Armin T. Wegner confronted two of the twentieth century's genocides with words and images. An expressionist writer who photographed Armenian deportation camps while serving with the German Army in World War I, and who later protested against Nazi Germany's anti-Semitic policies, Wegner serves as a remarkable catalyst for a discussion about the possibilities of action in the face of injustice.

At the outbreak of the First World War, Wegner enrolled as a volunteer nurse in Poland and was decorated with the Iron Cross for assisting the wounded under fire. In April 1915, following the military alliance of Germany and Turkey, he was sent to the Middle East as a member of the German Sanitary Corps. Between July and August, Wegner used his leave to investigate the rumours about the Armenian massacres that had reached him from several sources. Travelling along the Baghdad Railway, he observed the Ottoman army leading the empire's Armenian population on forced marches through the Syrian desert, and encountered scenes of starvation, disease and murder.

Disobeying orders intended to prevent the spread of information about the atrocities, Wegner collected notes, documents, letters, and took photographs in the Armenian deportation camps. In a diary entry, Wegner describes the risk associated with his documentary enterprise:

I have taken numerous photographs ... on penalty of death. I do not doubt for a moment that I am committing a treasonable act. And yet I am inspired by the knowledge that I have helped these poor people in some small way. ... Hunger, death, disease, despair shout at me from all sides. Wretched me, for I carried neither bandages nor medications ... I was overcome by dizziness, as if the earth were collapsing on both sides of me into an abyss ...ⁱ



Wegner documented the Armenian Genocide in his diaries written at the scene of the crime, 1915/16.

Wegner's suggestion that the act of photographing the victims could in some way help his subjects hints at the possibility of documentation – of the collection of evidence – as a form of resistance.

At the request of the Turkish Command, Wegner was arrested and recalled to Germany. While many of his photographs were confiscated and destroyed, he succeeded in smuggling images to Germany and the United States through clandestine mail. Visitors to this exhibit are privileged to be able to see Wegner's photographs, which have defied such odds to reach museum audiences today. The photographs enable student visitors to consider the danger sometimes associated with image making, and encounter a context and moral universe very different from their own.

Back in Germany, Wegner continued to bear witness through his letters, poems and other writings. Two texts in particular – not included in the travelling photo-based exhibition but added to the school program by the VHEC – are integral to the telling of Wegner's story in the context of a Holocaust museum. In a remarkable open letter to American President Woodrow Wilson at the Paris Peace Conference of 1919, he wrote:

As one of the few Europeans who have been eyewitnesses of the dreadful destruction of the Armenian people...I dare claim the right of bringing to your attention this picture of misery and terror which passed before my eyes for nearly two years, and which will never be obliterated from my mind. The Armenian Question is a question for Christendom, for the whole human race. ... The voice of conscience and humanity will never be silenced in me, and therefore I address these words to you. This document is a request. In it the tongues of thousands dead speak.

Wegner again assumed the role of spokesperson for justice in a 1933 letter to Adolf Hitler. Written on April 11th – immediately following the Nazi state's first coordinated anti-Jewish policy, a boycott of Jewish businesses and the offices of Jewish doctors and lawyers – this powerful letter is worth quoting at length:



Wegner was awarded the title of “Righteous Gentile” by the Yad Vashem in Israel, 1968.

Righteousness was always the jewel in the crown of the nations, and Herr Reichskanzler, it is not just a matter of the fate of our Jewish brethren, the fate of Germany is also at stake! As a German born and bred, I appeal to you to put a stop to all this. I have both the right and the duty to appeal to you, for my heart is seething with indignation, and I was not endowed with the gift of speech merely to make myself an accomplice by remaining silent. The Jews have survived captivity in Babylon, slavery in Egypt, the Inquisition in Spain, the oppression of the crusades and sixteen hundred pogroms in Russia. The resilience that has enabled this people to survive to the present day will also enable them to overcome this threat. But the opprobrium and ignominy which now adhere to Germany as a result of this will not be forgotten for a long time!

I dispute the foolish notion that the Jews should be blamed for the world's misfortunes. I repudiate this charge, based on the judgment, testimony and voice of the centuries. And if I turn to you now in the form of a letter, it is because I see no other way for being given a hearing. I appeal to you not as a friend of the Jews but ... out of love for my people. Though all prefer today to stand mute, I for one can no longer.

After delivering the letter to Nazi Party headquarters with a request that it be forwarded to Hitler, Wegner was promptly arrested and tortured. He was interned in three concentration camps – Oranienberg, Borgermoor and Lichtenberg – and seven prisons before fleeing Germany and spending years of exile in England, Palestine and Italy.

Before passing away in Rome in 1978, Wegner received a number of accolades for his courageous actions. He was awarded the Highest Order of Merit by the Federal German Government in 1956. His native city of Wuppertal awarded him the prestigious Eduard-Vonder-Heydt prize in 1962. In 1967 he was awarded the title of Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem in Israel, and in 1968 he received the Order of Saint Gregory the Illuminator from the Catholicos of All Armenians.

In spite of these honours, it is possible to argue that Wegner's altruism came to nought. His photographs merely recorded crimes in progress, while his words failed to prevent atrocities from occurring. Yet Wegner's haunting images and resonant writings give form to a powerful ideal – the notion of a universal humanity – and to embody the impulse to bear witness and voice protest when that ideal is violated.

The Wegner exhibit and school program is a compelling companion for the VHEC's exhibit, *In Defiance: Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust*, which draws on artefacts and testimonies of survivors who settled in Canada after the war to illustrate the diversity of Jewish responses to the Holocaust. Whereas *In Defiance* speaks to the “choiceless choices” of victims and the resistance that existed in the face of tremendous obstacles, the Wegner story prompts a consideration of a different type of resistance and vital aspect of social responsibility: the refusal to be a bystander in the face of injustice.

Please Join Us

The VHEC is proud to welcome Armin Wegner's son Mischa Wegner as a special guest speaker along with genocide scholar Dr. Adam Jones (UBC Okanagan) at 3PM, Sunday, April 26, 2009 in the Wosk Auditorium, Jewish Community Centre. This event is presented in partnership with the Armenian National Committee of Canada. Please join us.

I HAVE MY MOTHER'S EYES

A Holocaust Memoir Across Generations

By Barbara Ruth Bluman

REVIEWED BY GRAHAM FORST



I Have My Mother's Eyes
Ronsdale Press, 2009

I Have My Mother's Eyes relates the war-survival story of Susan (Zosia) Bluman as told to her daughter, the distinguished lawyer and arbitrator Barbara Bluman.

As a survivor story, this narrative is unique, in that it is actually a double-survivor story. As she recorded her mother's memories, Barbara Bluman was in a fight of her own: she had been diagnosed with terminal cancer and given only a few months to live. Barbara's own story is interspersed throughout the narrative with Susan's, giving a larger scope to the meaning of "survival," and also of heroism. For Barbara's courageous efforts to complete her mother's story in the few weeks allotted to her reveal that she had not only her mother's eyes, but her mind and courage, and determination as well.

This fascinating narrative begins, as with many Holocaust survival stories, with a depiction of a comfortable life in pre-war Poland. What follows is a gut-wrenching depiction of the fragility of life in Warsaw during the German bombing of the Polish capital as Susan and her family experienced many hair's-breadth escapes, fleeing from one burning building to another.

In 1938, Susan met her husband-to-be, Nathan (Natek) Bluman who tried vainly to persuade the family to get out of Europe while it was still possible. Susan left her family to join Natek in Lvov, from where, in 1940, they were able to escape to a Zionist kibbutz on the outskirts of Vilnius. However, Natek, again showing extraordinary foresight, began searching for ways to reach the New World.

And here is where the startling story of the courage and compassion of the extraordinary Righteous Gentile, Chiune Sugihara, is told. Even for those readers familiar with the unparalleled courage of this eminent Japanese hero, the story of Susan and Nathan's procurement of an exit visa from Lithuania will catch their breath. Shortly after their meeting with Sugihara, the Blumans found themselves on a Trans-Siberian train, and then on an old Japanese freighter bound for Kobe, Japan. There, beneath snow-capped mountains and amid rows of beautiful Japanese "doll-houses," and amongst a welcome community of Jewish refugees, Susan and Nathan found peace in the eye of the surrounding world storm.

Eventually, the Blumans were afforded passage to Vancouver, where Nathan, a proud owner of a degree in agricultural engineering, found work as a swamper in the meatpacking factory owned by well-known Vancouverite Jack Diamond. Here, the Blumans raised their family, and, ultimately, found out about the horrific fate of their extended family in Europe.

This story, as absorbing as it is, is interspersed throughout by short passages set in a different typographic style, telling the contrapuntal story of Barbara Bluman's personal battle with cancer, the breakup of her marriage and its effects on her and her children. Here is where Barbara and her mother truly meet: both showed tremendous resilience and strength when it was most needed, as they were both able to rebuild their lives before cancer claimed both of them. Barbara predeceased her mother by three years in 2001.

And now, thanks to the efforts of Susan's granddaughter, Danielle, the reader, too, can see through Susan's eyes, although they may be quite moist when the last page of these two touching stories is closed.

A WOMAN OF VALOUR

By Rene Goldman

*Une femme juive dans les tourmentes du siècle passé,
Sophie Schwartz-Micnik 1905-1999. Paris, a.G.P., 2005.*

REVIEWED BY CLAUDE ROMNEY

Writing Sophie Schwartz-Micnik's biography was for René Goldman an act of filial piety. Although she was not his real mother and never adopted him formally, she provided him with guidance and love almost from the day they met in 1945. René, a long time member of the Vancouver Child Survivors' group, was then a ten year old orphan who waited in vain for his parents to return from deportation. Schwartz-Micnik was childless and her husband had also been murdered by the Nazis. Of the fifty-five years during which they knew each other, they only spent a few living together as parent and teenager, but until Sophie died in 1999, they found in each other some of the solace they so badly needed. Consequently their relationship alone would have been enough of a motive for Goldman to decide to write a book about her, but he had another reason for doing so: Schwartz-Micnik was an exceptional woman, an idealist, an individual of rare courage and compassion who always placed other people's well-being above her own.

She was born in Lodz in 1905, and like many other Jewish young men and women who grew up in the newly emancipated Poland after WWI, she was deeply aware of social injustice and first became a Bundist, then a member of the illegal Communist party. She felt compelled to emigrate, first to Amsterdam, then to Belgium where she met and married Leizer Micnik, a Romanian Jew with similar political beliefs. Both settled in Paris in 1930 after Leizer had been expelled from Belgium. There they led the precarious existence of poor immigrants, at the same time continuing their membership of the Communist party. After the outbreak of WWII, both joined the Jewish urban underground resistance movement. Leizer was arrested and deported to Auschwitz where he was murdered. Sophie was responsible for saving hundreds of Jewish children and escaped arrest only because she was in hospital with appendicitis. She then fled to Lyons where she held various responsible positions in Jewish associations and earned the respect and admiration of fellow resistance fighters.

It was in Lyons that René Goldman and Sophie Schwartz-Micnik met when his aunt, unable to keep him because she already had three children, was seeking advice on where to place him. René remembers being immediately won over by her kindness and openness. Sophie advised René's aunt to send him to one of the children's homes set up by the Commission Centrale de l'Enfance, of which she became the Secretary General. In 1950, however, she was lured to leave France for Poland by the propaganda of the Polish Communist government. In Warsaw she became the Director of the International Press and Book Club, which comprised a bookstore and a reading room where foreign books, newspapers and periodicals were available. René, who had spent a summer in Poland with other Jewish war orphans, also decided to immigrate to Warsaw where he finished High School. However, living in the midst of the oppressive atmosphere of the end of the Stalinist era and horrified by the show trials in the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia, Sophie and René soon became disillusioned with the Communist ideology. René left Warsaw in 1953 to study Chinese in Peking (now Beijing). Sophie remained in Poland until 1968, having endured several waves of anti-Semitism, the last one of which deprived her of her job. She then returned to France where she obtained a small war widow's pension as well as French citizenship. She died in the South of France in 1999. Sophie Schwartz-Micnik's life story strikes a special chord in me because my parents had several women friends in Paris where we lived, who followed exactly the same tragic road as she did. Those women, born in Poland and members of the Communist party, were idealists who had been forced to emigrate in order to escape persecution, and had

fought against the Germans during WWII. Some of them returned to Poland and Czechoslovakia after the war, only to be confronted by the cruel realities of the Communist regimes. They had to come to terms with this enormous disappointment and deserve to be admired for the courage they showed in adversity throughout their lives, and also for not losing their faith in the future of humanity.



Leaders of the MOI
(Main d'oeuvre
immigrée) - Lyon
Sophie - first row,
second from the
right



Sophie, President
of the CCE
accompanying a
group of children
by train to
summer camp in
Tarnos

THE JEWISH RESISTANCE IN FRANCE

BY RENE GOLDMAN

Emanuel Ringelblum who was a witness to history amidst extreme danger, engaged in an act of resistance as heroic as the armed struggle waged by the combatants of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. In France the task of documenting the tragedy was taken up by Isaac Schneerson, who in April 1943 founded the Centre de Documentation Juive Contemporaine which is now an impressive research institution in Paris.

For most of the Jews of France, particularly the Yiddish-speaking immigrants who had few contacts with the Gentile population, armed struggle was not an option. In those hellish years any course of action designed to frustrate the murderous schemes of the Nazis and their French collaborators constituted resistance. In the wake of the massive round-ups in both the occupied north and the “free” zone of Vichy, and following the German invasion of the latter in November 1942, hiding Jewish children and procuring false identity papers and ration cards became pressing tasks. These illegal activities were cleverly combined with legal ones by organizations such as OSE, which operated a network of children’s homes in the Creuse and the “Amelot Committee”, which operated feeding centres and a medical clinic in Paris. I myself was sheltered in one of the OSE homes, the Chateau du Masgelier in the fall of 1942.

Members of the native French Jewish population rallied the Gaullist and Communist resistance organizations; they joined de Gaulle’s Free French Forces in London in such numbers that the general quipped that he felt surrounded by a synagogue! Meanwhile, Jewish organizations formed underground entities, several of which engaged in armed struggle. The Jewish boy-scouts joined the Zionist Armee Juive, which created combat groups in Toulouse and other southern cities, as well as the rural “Maquis” guerrilla units. They executed denouncers of Jews and smuggled Jewish children into Spain. The guerrilla company of the Tarn Plateau captured an entire German troop train in Castres in the summer of 1944.

But the most important Jewish resistance organization was the Communist led underground in Paris, Lyon, Grenoble, and other cities. During the pre-war years, the French Communist Party (PCF) had created a vast network of mass organizations. One such organization, the MOI (Main d’oeuvre immigrée) organized immigrant workers into ethnic sections: Jewish, Italian, Polish, Armenian, Romanian, etc. Each of these sections was led by a core of its own dedicated Communists acting under the direction of the PCF. In 1940 the MOI became a resistance network. Its Jewish section was the most dynamic and best organized and was headed by Adam Rayski who became a great historian of the Jewish Resistance in France during the post-war decades. The combat groups of the Jewish section, led by veterans of the International Brigades of the Spanish Civil War such as Joseph Epstein, engaged in spectacular acts of industrial and railway sabotage and attacks on cinemas, cafes, and other businesses serving the German army. In 1943, 18-year old Marcel Rayman and his Armenian companion Missak Manoukian shot Julius Ritter, Eichmann’s envoy in Paris, while in Lyon other Jewish fighters executed Carel, the Deputy Commissar for Jewish affairs. Alas, Rayman, Manoukian, and forty one other MOI fighters were captured, savagely tortured, tried for “terrorism” and executed in 1944.

The women’s committee of the Jewish section led by Sophie Schwartz distinguished itself in activities such as assistance to destitute Jews, operating secret printing shops which produced leaflets and newspapers in Yiddish and French, forging identity papers and ration cards, spiriting children out of the shelters of the UGIF (the French Judenrat) and hiding them with Gentile families and Catholic institutions. Women worked also as liaison agents, searched for secret apartments, reconnoitered targets for actions and smuggled and delivered weapons to men at the action sites. As

Resistance veteran Jeanne Pakin put it, *the women's work was largely of the non-visible kind, which did not attract medals.*

Some argue that the activity of the MOI should be characterized as “resistance de Juifs” (i.e. Jewish participation in the French resistance) rather than “resistance juive”. My preference is for the latter, in that the heroes of the MOI were hamstrung by the discipline and requirements of the PCF, but they fought nevertheless as Jews. They saved Jewish lives and Jewish honour as much as the Zionist Armee Juive, which had to coordinate its activity with that of the French Maquis of its region. Either way, it is essential that, when we teach the story of the Shoah, we include in it the contribution of the Jews who fought against Nazism. Failure to do so is to perpetuate the myth that the Jews went “like sheep to the slaughter” and that would be an insult to the memory of our martyrs and to the truth.

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Saul Cohn, Wishing you a speedy recovery. Gloria & Robbie Waisman

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Miriam Friedberg, Wishing you a full and speedy recovery.

Joan Karasz, Get well soon. Mark & Susie Kierszenblat

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Renee Katz, Wishing you a speedy recovery. Anita Shafran & family

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Mrs. Lola Robitschek, Wishing you a speedy recovery. Lisa Kafka

Harold & Bella Silverman, Thinking of you and wishing you well. Henry & Julie Gutovich

Barbara Silber, Wishing you a full & speedy recovery. Ken & Linda Glasner

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Linda Wener, Happy birthday. Beth Bogner & Marla

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SYMPATHY

Claire Golumbia & family. In memory of Arnold Golumbia. Rosa Ferera, Gloria & Robbie Waisman, Lana & Mendy Landa, Rob & Marilyn Krell, Naomi & Mac Adler, Peter & Marla Gropper

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