

# HAPPENINGS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OSKAR SCHINDLER MEMORIAL CONCERT

In conjunction with the OSKAR SCHINDLER EXHIBIT and New Haven's Role in World War II currently on display at the Ethnic Heritage Center, the Society has arranged for a concert by the CHESHIRE CONCERT BAND to present a program of music from the period of the 1940's. You are invited to be our guest.

**Sunday, November 2, 2003 @3:00PM in the Wilder Auditorium  
Miller Library Complex, 2901 Dixwell Avenue Hamden**

To receive TWO COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Society or stop by the office at 270 Fitch Street New Haven to pick up tickets. Come and enjoy this musical event with family and friends!

### 2003 JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

Society co-sponsors book meetings at the Jewish Community Center, Woodbridge.

Sunday, November 16, 2003 10:00am – Noon, Sponsor, David Yaffe

WHAT I SAW AT THE FAIR by Ann Birstein. The author will give an account of her life growing up in Brooklyn, daughter of a Rabbi and wife of writer, Alfred Kazin. This is a tender story of a woman in search of her own life and identity.

Sunday, November 23, 2003 @2:00pm – Sponsor, Dr. Gary Fleischman

THE HAUNTED SMILE: THE STORY OF JEWISH COMEDIANS IN AMERICA by Lawrence Epstein. The author will discuss how Jewish comedians transformed American entertainment. He will recount the jokes, routines and anecdotes that captivated audiences throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

The \$5 admission fee is waived to Society members in good standing.

Refreshments will be served

Details will follow in our next HAPPENINGS for tickets.

## **OSKAR SCHINDLER TOURING EXHIBIT ARRIVES**

The Ethnic Heritage Center and The Jewish Historical Society is privileged to host the OSKAR SCHINDLER TOURING EXHIBIT on loan from the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. Chosen as the only venue in Connecticut, the exhibit is on display until November 6, 2003. A documentary film featuring the life and work of Oskar Schindler, as well as an interview taken from the Fortunoff archives at Yale with Holocaust survivor, Genia Weinstein of West Haven, are also featured. Schindler, a German Catholic and Nazi party member, is credited with saving the lives of as many as 1,300 Jews. How he accomplished this was portrayed in the epic award winning film "Schindler's List" by Steven Spielberg several years ago.

Also on display are memorabilia and photographs pertaining to New Haven's role during World War II from all of the five Ethnic groups.

Viewing hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00am-5:00pm; Thursdays until 8:00pm and Sundays from 12 noon-5:00pm (closed Mondays). This is an opportunity not to be missed.

**THE EXHIBIT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**