

Remembering Italian Shoah

(January 27, 2008)



In the year 2000, January 27, the day on which, in 1945, the Soviet army entered and liberated Auschwitz, was chosen by Italy and other European countries to commemorate the victims of the Shoah and to promote the fight against racism. These are the events in New York celebrating "Il giorno della Memoria" for the victims of the Shoah

(For information about Giorno della Memoria in Italy see www.ucei.it/giornodellamemoria [2] and www.cdec.it [3])



Sunday, January 27

[Center for Jewish History](#) [4]

15 West 16 Street, NYC

5:00 pm

Admission: free

Reservations: rsvp@primolevicenter.org

(subject line: memoria)

Film Screening. L'Isola delle Rose. La Tragedia di un Paradiso by Rebecca Samonà (59' in Italian with English subtitles). Through the memories of women including her mother, the author reconstructs the life and annihilation of the Jews of Rhodes from the beginning of the Italian colonization in 1912, to the deportation to Auschwitz in 1944. Combining era footage with a delicate personal commentary L'Isola delle Rose offers a glimpse into a centuries-old culture which a handful of survivors infused it into a younger generation that is today scattered around the world. Andrea Fiano (journalist) will interview Stella Levi (Board member of Centro Primo Levi), a survivor from Rhodes, on her own experience of the anti-semitic persecutions and the extermination camps.

Monday, January 28

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Consulate General of Italy and Italian Cultural Institute,

Park Avenue/68 St. Reading of the names of the Italian victims of the Shoah.

"There are no tombstones for the victims of the Shoah but only our good will to make time to remember them and let the wind carry the sound of their names." We need thirty-six people to read for five minutes at any given time.

Please join and let us know if you are able to read by sending a message to:

memoria@primolevicenter.org

(indicate time and contact info)

Tuesday, January 29

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Italian Academy at Columbia University, 1161 Amsterdam Avenue at 116 St.

Italian Fascist Race Laws and the Manifesto della Razza: How Law and Science Can be Racist . David Freedberg (Italian Academy), Ruth Ben-Ghiat (NYU), Lidia Santarelli (NYU) and Alexander Stille (Columbia University).

Wednesday, January 30, 6:00 pm

Italian Cultural Institute, 686 Park Avenue

Women Remember - Marianne Hirsch (Columbia University) and Millicent Marcus (Yale University)



and Stella Levi (Centro Primo Levi) discuss women's memory and the recollections of Giuliana Tedeschi and Rosetta Loy, two Italians who experienced the anti-semitic persecution from opposite perspectives: that of a Jewish woman in an extermination camp and that of a non-Jewish child who observes. Actress Maria Tucci will read excerpts from the memoirs of Giuliana Tedeschi, Rosetta Loy, Piera Sonnino.

RSVP: 212-879-4242 ext. 376.

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