

## **The Premiere of *Voices of Survivors: Inspiring Hope, Sanctuary, Compassion and Community***

At The Liberty Museum & Arts Center, 46 Main Street, Liberty, NY

Join us for a multiple medium exhibit of paintings, photographs, poetry and prose that reflect and humanize the voices of survivors across the generations of children, siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents and parents. There were and are friends, neighbors and strangers who offered compassion, provided sanctuary and from which communities have been created and sustained over time.

Between May 17th and June 16th, you will be able to see the works of authors and artists. You can meet and greet, listen and learn, too. Here's a glance at some of what you will experience Fridays through Sundays, Noon to 4:00 pm at the LMAC:

- Artwork by Tony Canger; Gene Iovine; Tibor Spitz; Nya Reebe; Raphael Wettenstein; Allison Luci; Steve Duffy; Adela Blaustein and Bliss Blaustein; Liberty Schools students, Sullivan West students, and Boys & Girls Club youth (Monticello); and more
- Photography by Chuck Fishman, photojournalist and Liberty High School students
- Original canvases from October 2023, Liberty/Parksville Dove-Daffodil-Dash;
- Videos of interviews and documentaries;
- Poetry by Shelley Marcus, Alyssa Thalmann, Marilyn Laufer, Chana Pollack, Miro Mniewski, Tina H., Jeanne T., Dr. Hope Blecher, and Mykenzie Williams
- Self-paced informational displays on loan from county residents

Among the **in-person** presentations are:

- Friday, May 17th: Egils Liepins, owner of Town & Country will share his historical experiences; music by Fisher & Kean; child of survivor story shared by Uma Brooks;
- Saturday, May 18th: Allison Luci, Allie for the Soul, artist; Jonathan Ned Katz, artist and author; 3:30 ceremony at Creekside Park in honor of Allan Berube;
- Sunday, May 19th, history of Yiddish lesson by Richie Chiger; meet and greet with Tibor Spitz, survivor of the Holocaust and painter, accompanied by Ilene Cutler and Tim Miller, producers of the current PBS documentary *We Remember-Songs of Survivors*;
- Friday, May 24th, hear from Dr. Patrick Sullivan, Liberty Schools Superintendent;
- Friday, May 31st, hear from a son of survivors, Dr. Richard Stein and musical duo Ira and Julia Levin.
- Saturday, June 1st: Ariel Shanberg, grandson of survivor, Executive director of DVAA; daughter of survivors of the Armenian genocide and poet, Tina Hazarian; songwriter and musician, Myrna Marcarian; and a family presentation by Pearl, Rafael and Sheila Zayas, relatives of a branch of the Grossinger family;
- Sunday, June 2nd: Eva Bocskor, survivor of the Holocaust with music by Sarah Weber;
- Friday, June 7th, Tal Beery, grandchild of survivor and arts consultant, followed by the Youth and Artists Reception (the museum will be open until 6:00 pm).
- Sunday, June 9th, Producer Pearl Gluck and poet Deborah Kahan will screen *Write Me*; hear from Izzy Hefter, child of survivors; listen to poetry by Chana Pollack; poetry and personal history by Miro Mniewski, who spent summers at a camp in the Catskills; with music by Cris Spinner;

- Friday, June 14th: Spend your 12:30 lunchtime with cookbook author June Hersh and local baker and daughter of survivors, Evelyn Hefter; listen to the music of violinists Anastasia Solberg and David Fiedler; meet Leon Hilfstein and family, multigenerational survival stories;
- Saturday, June 15th, hear from Shain Fishman, a daughter of survivor, and meet author, Roslyn Bernstein.
- Sunday, June 16th, closing day celebration.

With more to come from Nadia Rajs, daughter of survivors from Holodomor and from Ken Pletter, Sharon Glattstein Singer and Dr. Peter A. Chester who will share their family's stories.

Enjoy the opportunity to engage with each other and a blank canvas, a piece of paper, colored pencils, pens, and markers to share your reflections, responses and introspections about the exhibit.

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We welcome your continued support to this project through your tax deductible donation at Hope's Compass Project Fund, [www.HopesCompass.org](http://www.HopesCompass.org) and The Liberty Museum & Arts Center, [Welcome to the Liberty Museum and Arts Center Website](#) We look forward to seeing you as it is because of our patrons that we are committed to the arts and education, the history and future of this community.

