

## OPENING REMARKS

Petoskey is one of fifty libraries selected by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association to host the *Americans and the Holocaust* traveling exhibition. The exhibition, on view at the library through February 14, examines the motives, pressures, and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war, and genocide from 1933-1945.

Research for the exhibition began in 2013, but United States Holocaust Memorial Museum historians were guided by a mandate set for the museum in 1979, which outlined the need for America's reflection on its role during the Holocaust. Through the research, one thing became abundantly clear: this history is an American story, and it was a local story in communities across the United States.

In keeping with this objective, *Americans and the Holocaust* explores four main questions: what did Americans know, did Americans help Jewish refugees, why did Americans go to war, and how did Americans respond to the Holocaust? We hope that the exhibition and our movie tonight provokes new questions and opportunities to reflect upon these questions, both in regard to the history and our roles and responsibilities today. Questions like, what is the relationship between knowledge and action? How do we balance humanitarian concerns with political realities? And what are the pressures and motivations that influence individual behavior?

Please join us in asking the tough questions about America's role in this history and our role as citizens of the world today. We hope you continue to engage with the history, attend more programs, and visit the exhibition at the library through February 14 and, as always, read more books!

# AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST

PETOSKEY DISTRICT LIBRARY

January 5 – February 14

Check out our programming lineup:  
[petoskeylibrary.org/holocaustexhibit](http://petoskeylibrary.org/holocaustexhibit)

## EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION

Thursday, January 5, 5:30pm–7:00pm

Petoskey District Library

500 E Mitchell St

Petoskey, MI

## THE GREAT DICTATOR FILM SCREENING

Wednesday, January 11, 7:00pm

Harbor Springs Lyric Theater

275 E Main St

Harbor Springs, MI

## JOJO RABBIT FILM SCREENING

Thursday, January 12, 7:00pm

Crooked Tree Arts Center Ross Stoakes Theater

461 E Mitchell St

Petoskey, MI

## CASABLANCA FILM SCREENING

Saturday, January 14, 7:00pm

Carnegie Building

451 E Mitchell St

Petoskey, MI

## HENRY MORGENTHAU: THE TREASURY SECRETARY WHO FORCED AMERICA TO AID THE JEWS OF EUROPE

Tuesday, January 17, 7:00pm

Carnegie Building

451 E Mitchell St

Petoskey, MI

## HISTORY OF ANTI-SEMITISM WITH THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

Wednesday, January 25, 7:00pm

Carnegie Building

451 E Mitchell St

Petoskey, MI

## HOW DID AMERICAN WOMEN ACT?

Wednesday, February 1, 7:00pm

Carnegie Building

451 E Mitchell St

Petoskey, MI

## THE DEVIL'S ARITHMETIC BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, February 6, 3:30pm

Petoskey District Library Classroom

500 E Mitchell St

Petoskey, MI

## ALL THE FREQUENT TROUBLES OF OUR DAYS

## BOOK DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR REBECCA DONNER

Sponsored by Harbor Springs Festival of the Book

Tuesday, February 7, 7:00pm

Virtual on Zoom

Registration is required for Zoom access,  
please do so at [www.petoskeylibrary.org](http://www.petoskeylibrary.org)

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