



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

Recalling all who perished during the Holocaust, this year's program features an evening of music, candle lighting, and remembrance.

Featured Speaker: Dr. Sylvia Smoller

Dr. Smoller was born in Poland to Aleksander and Ola Hafftka, and her father worked for the Ministry of the Interior. In 1938, he was forced out of the government by the growing anti-Semitism in Poland, yet even after the German invasion that started World War II the next year, he was reluctant to abandon his country. However, as a six-year-old child, Dr. Smoller fled with her parents to Lithuania. In 1940, the family escaped again – this time from Russian-occupied Lithuania via Moscow, Siberia, and finally Japan. Their journey was only possible with the help of Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara, who issued transit visas to thousands of fleeing refugees against the orders of his government. Over a year after leaving Warsaw, her family arrived in the United States.



Tuesday, May 5, 2015 • 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Temple Beth Shalom • 8 Tremont St., Cambridge

Music will be provided by cellist **Shaheen Lavie-Rouse** and the **Cambridge Community Chorus**. Roma poetry will be shared by **Margareta Matache**.

The program is free, open to all, and wheelchair accessible. It welcomes all communities of Cambridge – including children and adults, and people of all faiths and traditions.



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