

Yom Hashoah Observance Holocaust Remembrance Day

*Joins us for this special speaker program
Memorial Prayers by Hazzan Toby Lou Hayman*

The Search For Raoul Wallenberg: From His 1945 Disappearance to Today's Analytical Investigation

Presented by distinguished guests: Marvin Makinen & Ari Kaplan



*Raoul Wallenberg
Passport photo from June 1944*

Marvin W. Makinen is President & Ari D. Kaplan is Treasurer of The Independent Investigation into Raoul Wallenberg's Fate. This non-profit organization is attempting to solve one of the most visible mysteries of the past century: the fate of missing, Swedish diplomat, Raoul Wallenberg, who saved the lives of tens of thousands of Hungarian Jewish civilians during WWII and disappeared into the Soviet Gulag in 1945.

Traveling in the Soviet Union in July, 1961, Marvin Makinen was arrested for espionage and was sentenced to eight years of imprisonment by a closed military tribunal. Of the slightly more than two years that he spent in the Vladimir Prison, a total of approximately 12 months was spent in solitary confinement. Since 1990 Professor Makinen has worked on three international committees as a consultant to the Swedish Foreign Ministry regarding the fate of Raoul Wallenberg. In the course of his work, Makinen uncovered a retired employee of the Vladimir Prison in 1993, who identified Raoul Wallenberg from unpublished photographs as having been incarcerated there.

Ari Kaplan has been active for almost 20 years on the investigation to clarify Wallenberg's fate and has worked with the Swedish-Russian Working Group on the Fate of Raoul Wallenberg. He has used data science, quantitative analysis, and forensics to verify eyewitness accounts, interrogations, and to track his movements through the Soviet prison system. He has worked with Raoul's family members, the United Nations, and the governments of Russia, Sweden, Israel, Hungary, and the USA to get unprecedented access to prison and archival information.

SUNDAY, April 27th @ 6:30 PM
FREE & OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Lecture Location: Central Synagogue
WATER TOWER PLACE SANCTUARY SUITE 913E
845 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL ~ Discounted Parking available



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