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HAFTR Players Present 'Irena's Vow'

HAFTR high school announced the upcoming production of "Irena's Vow," written by Dan Gordon, directed by Jennifer Winkler and featuring the HAFTR Players. The play is scheduled to run on Saturday evening, April 30 at 9:30 p.m. in the HAFTR high school auditorium, on the eve of Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah). A second performance was added for Sunday, May 1 at 2 p.m.

Set during the Nazi occupation of Poland, "Irena's Vow" is based on the real life experiences of Irena Gut Opdyke, a Polish Catholic who was forced to work as a housekeeper for the highest-ranking German major in Tarnopol, Poland. Over a two-year period, Irena risked her own life in order to conceal 12 Jewish refugees. All the while, Irena knew that their lives depended on her every decision.

The cast and crew of "Irena's Vow," who portray characters ranging from the eponymous Irena to the

heartless Nazi Rokita, concur. "I have been in several productions over the years," said Robyn Steinerman, a senior at HAFTR. "I can say I have always enjoyed what we do and have been proud of the results. But, this play ... it is so much more ... personal? I think so. Important? Definitely."

"What is incredible about this play," explained Jacqui Geller, a HAFTR Player for the past four years, "is that the protagonist is a Christian woman. Almost all of the stories I've read, or plays I've seen about the Holocaust, are told from the perspective of the Jews or righteous gentiles who are male. What I found fascinating is that Irena had nothing to gain and everything to lose by hiding 'her Jews'. It is important to convey to the audience that she was solely guided by her conscience and her faith."

Tickets are available by reservation or at the door. Call 516-476-1212 to reserve your tickets today.

Ezra Academy - Mock Trial Champions

Ezra Academy's mock trial team is the Queens champion, advancing this week into round 6 of the New York State Bar Association High School Mock Trial competition. Ezra Academy's legal studies program, a full program encompassing coursework and extracurricular activities, has also featured matches for its junior debate team, a place in the top five for its stock market team, honorable mention for its model congress and a semi-finalist placement in the Plainview-Old Bethpage Annual Moot Competition.

Ezra Academy in Forest Hills, Queens, is a junior and senior high school that specializes in working with a full range of students, including late starters in Jewish education, allowing them to pursue their Jewish education at any level while following the NYS mandated course of college preparatory studies.

Under the direction of Sima Fish, Esq., the school now offers a law sequence which includes introduction to law, business law, criminal justice, comparative law, constitutional law, contemporary legal issues, rhetoric, forensics and political science. Fish, who is a member of the Bar of the State of New York, also directs Ezra Academy's debate, mock trial, moot court, extemporaneous speaking, fed challenge, euro challenge, international law, model un, forensic

science, model congress and stock market teams. These teams compete with both yeshivas and public schools from all over New York State. Many of her Ezra students have gone on to law school and legal careers. According to Rose Hakimian, Ezra class of '06, currently in Hofstra Law School, "The first time I spoke at a podium at the Ezra Academy moot court competition, I knew law was the career path I wanted to pursue. The lessons I learned from Ms. Fish have given me an advantage against my colleagues in law school."

For information about the school or to apply, call 718-263-5500 or see www.EzraAcademy.org.



Sparks Pays Tribute To Honorees On Capitol Hill

Sparks, an organization founded by Esther Kenigsberg, with the mission of combating and rais-

ing awareness relating to women who suffer from postpartum depression and related illnesses, paid



tribute to several business and religious leaders, including Rabbi Dr. Elie and Esti Abadie, Rafi and Ruthie Fouzailoff, Rabbi Joel Eisdorfer, Rabbi Naftali Horowitz, Susan Stone, Yossi Itzkowitz and Suri Krauss in a tribute luncheon held in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC.

The honorees accepted appreciation awards from leading members of Congress and Esther Kenigsberg in acknowledgement of the dedication they show Sparks.

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