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Besa: Albanian Muslims Who Saved Jews During the Holocaust
Photographs by Norman Gershman

April 13 – 28, 2009 in the Hausen Auditorium Free Admission

Don't miss this traveling exhibition consisting of 40 photographic portraits of Albanian Muslims who sheltered and saved the lives of Jews during the Holocaust, taken by photographer Norman Gershman. During World War II, when the Nazis held Europe and much of the world in terror, the people of Albania acted on *Besa*, their highest code of ethical honor, by putting aside all religious differences and endangering their own lives in order to save the lives of Jews. The photographs in this exhibit, along with their accompanying text, convey the essence of *Besa* within each subject.

Guided Group Visits available By Reservation:

Contact Robert Isaacs at 610-649-7800
Docents are available upon request for groups of 10 or more
Monday – Friday 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Self Guided Tours for Groups and Individuals:

Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. to closing. Visit www.mlrt.org for closing times. Sundays 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Closed on Saturdays

Special Programs

Call 610-649-7800 or check www.mlrt.org for more details

April 16, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Interfaith Youth Evening Open House: Students and their families can join the Lower Merion "Walk the Walk" Interfaith Youth Group for an exhibit open house. Light refreshments will be served.



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April 17, 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with guest speaker Dr. Jonathan Goldstein, PhD, Department of History at the University of West Georgia and an expert on Jewish-Albanian relations during the Holocaust. A reception in the exhibit room follows services.

April 20, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Erev Yom Ha'shoah Service with guest speaker Norman Gershman, exhibit photographer. Hear the compelling story behind the photographs of the *Besa* exhibit during this special evening.

April 26, 9:30 a.m. Join us for a morning of discussion, a movie and an array of exciting foods.

This exhibit comes to us from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Museum in New York.