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Poignant Collection of Photographs by Jewish Partisan Faye Schulman

'Pictures of Resistance' highlights the stories of partisan fighters during World War II through one woman's photographs

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin—Jewish Museum Milwaukee (JMM) presents *Pictures of Resistance: The Wartime Photographs of Jewish Partisan Faye Schulman* from March 29 – May 26, 2019.

Faye Schulman is the only known Jewish partisan photographer to take photos of the Jewish partisan resistance in Eastern Europe during World War II. Born in Lenin, Poland, Schulman was introduced to photography at the age of ten by her older brother, who ran the town's only photography studio. In 1941, German troops occupied eastern Poland. As the only remaining photographer in the area, Faye's skills made her valuable to the Nazis, and she was one of twenty-seven people in her village who were not murdered in a mass killing.

Eventually escaping from the Germans, Schulman joined a Russian partisan brigade in the forests along the Polish-Russian border. Under extreme conditions, Schulman documented the experience of partisans; these photographs comprise *Pictures of Resistance*. Schulman's powerful photographs highlight the camaraderie, horror, loss, bravery and triumph of the partisans. As notable for their artistry as for their historical content, these photographs represent an invaluable opportunity to learn about this oft-forgotten chapter of wartime history.

In addition to *Pictures of Resistance*, JMM is curating a local component to this exhibit, which will explore the experiences of Milwaukee Holocaust survivors who were members of the partisans. JMM has also partnered with honors humanities students at Milwaukee School of Engineering to create an interactive map that shows where major partisan activity took place.

Pictures of Resistance is sponsored locally by Bader Philanthropies and the Albert & Ann Deshur fund of the Jewish Community Foundation.

Pictures of Resistance is a traveling exhibit produced by the Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation and curated by Jill Vexler. It was made possible by Thomas and Johanna Baruch, the Epstein/Roth Foundation, the Purjes Foundation, the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, the Koret Foundation, the Taube Foundation for Jewish Life and Culture, the Holocaust Council of UJA Metro West, and Diane and Howard Wohl.

About the Programs

Resistance and its many forms is central to the slate of programming JMM has planned to complement the exhibit. This includes an Ex Fabula Workshop and Story Slam exploring both large and small acts of resistance. Local scholars Dr. Shay Pilnik, Dr. Amy Shapiro, and Dr. Lilly Goren will explore the partisan experience, the role of women in the partisans, and women and their impact on Resistance movements in the U.S. including contemporary movements. For a complete listing of programming and additional details, visit JewishMuseumMilwaukee.org or call (414) 390-5730.

Opening Preview of *Pictures of Resistance*

Thursday, March 28, 7- 9:00 PM

The lives of partisans depended on their ability to remain unseen, undocumented and unidentifiable. But one fighter, Faye Schulman, had a camera. The only known Jewish partisan to capture the World War II experience on film, Schulman's rare collection of images captures the camaraderie, horror, and triumph of the partisans who fought the Nazis. JMM will celebrate Schulman and explore the power of the human spirit through a sneak peak of Ex Fabula's Story Slam and workshop and a performance by Young Artists from First Stage on Women's Words of Resistance.

Program admission for the opening is \$20 for non-members and \$17 for members. Participants must RSVP at JewishMuseumMilwaukee.org.

"Untold Stories of Resistance" Ex Fabula Workshop

Sunday, April 7, 1 - 4:00 PM

Everyone has a story of resistance to tell. Using the theme "Untold Stories of Resistance," Ex Fabula coach, Karen Kolberg, will teach you effective storytelling skills, help you connect with other storytellers, and let your voice be heard. The program is free but participants must RSVP at JewishMuseumMilwaukee.org.

Voices of Resistance: The United States, Social Movements, and the Role of Women

Thursday, April 11, 7 - 8:30 PM

Over the past two centuries, women have led different kinds of resistance movements, with differing political ends, from advocating for the abolition of slavery, to advocating for the right to vote. Join Lilly Goren for an important exploration of women's voices, their engagement, and their advocacy, which has had significant impacts on the lives we all lead today. Program admission is \$8 for non-members and \$5 for members.

"Daring to Resist" Film Screening and Talkback

Tuesday, April 30, 7 - 8:30 PM

Rubenstein Pavilion at Ovation Jewish Home, Milwaukee

In this gripping documentary, three Jewish women recall their lives as teenagers in occupied Holland, Hungary and Poland, when they refused to remain passive as the Nazis rounded up local Jewish populations. Join scholar Amy Shapiro for a talkback to explore the significance of Faye Schulman's unique form of resistance. Program admission is \$7 for non-members and \$5 for members.

"Don't Ever Say the End is Near and Hope is Gone:" Jewish Armed Resistance During the Holocaust

Wednesday, May 8, 11:45 - 1:30 PM

Join us for a conversation with Dr. Shay Pilnik, the director of the Nathan & Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center, on the heroism and perseverance of Jewish resistance fighters – in the ghettos, camps, in partisan units and in a variety of underground organizations – who chose to respond to the Nazi Final Solution plan by resorting to armed resistance. Program admission is \$5 for non-members and \$3 for members. Kosher boxed lunches available, lunches must be reserved by Monday, May 6.

"Defiant Requiem" Film Screening

Tuesday, May 14, 7 - 8:30 PM

Rubenstein Pavilion at Ovation Jewish Home, Milwaukee

"Defiant Requiem" tells the remarkable story of Rafael Schächter, a brilliant young Czech conductor trapped at Terezín, who demonstrated moral leadership under brutal circumstances by sustaining hope

and courage for his fellow prisoners by creating a prisoner choir and “singing to the Nazis what they dared not say.” Program admission is \$7 for non-members and \$5 for members.

“Untold Stories of Resistance” StorySlam with Ex Fabula

Thursday, May 23, 7 - 8:30 PM

Everyone loves a story! Inspired by the fortitude of Jewish Partisan Faye Schulman, enjoy the evening while being entertained, engaged and emboldened by Milwaukeeans sharing their “Untold Stories of Resistance.” Program admission is \$12 for non-members and \$10 for members.

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About Jewish Museum Milwaukee: Jewish Museum Milwaukee is a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, and is dedicated to preserving and presenting the history of the Jewish people in southeastern Wisconsin and celebrating the continuum of Jewish heritage and culture. The history of American Jews is rooted in thousands of years of searching for freedom and equality. We are committed to sharing this story, the life lessons it brings with it, and building bridges between people of diverse backgrounds. By telling personal and local stories about issues that can be overwhelming in scale, JMM inspires empathy and deepens understanding of not only the Jewish people, but also others who have gone through similar experiences.

Jewish Museum Milwaukee is open Monday through Thursday from 10 AM – 5:00 PM, Friday from 10 AM – 3:00 PM, and Sunday from 12 – 4:00 PM. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors (60+) and \$4 for students. Admission is free for members and children 6 and under.

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