



## **Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Carl Lutz and Diplomatic Rescue in the Holocaust**

**March 30, 2026**

*3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. In-person | 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hybrid*

**Quaker Arch Street Meeting House,  
320 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19106**

Presented by: **Mid-Atlantic - Eurasia Business Council &  
Jewish Genealogy and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia**

### **"Visas for Life: The Righteous and Honorable Diplomats"**

*The exhibit celebrates the life and accomplishments of Carl Lutz and other  
diplomats who participated in rescue efforts during the Holocaust*

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#### **Opening (3:00-3:10 p.m.)**

**Val Kogan**

President, Mid-Atlantic – Eurasia Business Council

**Felicia Alexander**

President, Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia

#### **Welcoming Remarks (3:10-3:45 p.m.)**

**Michael Newmuis**, 2026 Director, Office of Mayor Cherelle L. Parker, City of Philadelphia

**Jennifer Gilburg & David Briel**, Deputy Secretaries, Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**Zabeth Teelucksingh**, President of Global Philadelphia Association

**Jeffrey Lasday**, Senior Chief of External Affairs, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

**Zev Eleff**, President, Gratz College

**Jennifer Gray**, Education & Museum Manager, Arch Street Quaker Meeting House

#### **Keynote speakers (3:45-4:35 p.m.)**

**Consul General, Ambassador Niculin Jäger**, Consulate General of Switzerland in New York

**Agnes Hirschi**, Carl Lutz' stepdaughter and Honorary President of Carl Lutz Society

**Eric Saul**, Founder & Executive Director, Visas for Life and Institute for the Study of Rescue and Altruism in the Holocaust (ISRAH)



### **Special Speaker (4:35-5:00 p.m.)**

**Rabbi Andrew Baker**, Director of International Jewish Affairs, American Jewish Committee, introduction by **Marcia Bronstein**, Regional Director, AJC Philadelphia/SNJ

### **Break (5:00-5:20 p.m.)**

### **Speakers (5:20-5:40 p.m.)**

**Sophie Don**, Executive Director, Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation

**Walter Reich**, Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Professor of International Affairs, Ethics and Human Behavior, The George Washington University

### **Diplomats and Survivors Stories (5:40-6:40 p.m.)**

*Diplomats Who Saved Lives During the Holocaust:*

*Forgotten Heroes of the Holocaust. Congressional Gold Medals*

*Voices of Survivors: Stories of Rescuers and Rescued Families*

**Eric Saul**, Founder & Executive Director, Visas for Life and Institute for the Study of Rescue and Altruism in the Holocaust (ISRAH)

**Carol Moskot**, László and Elizabeth Braun's granddaughter

**Miriam Eger**, Laszlo and Bozsi Szamosi's daughter

**Laurene Sherlock**, Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt's granddaughter

**Eveline Shekman**, CEO, American Jewish Medical Association, Granddaughter of Survivors from Lithuania

### **Diplomats names reading (6:40-6:50 p.m.)**

*Reading of the names of diplomats who were killed or imprisoned for aiding Jews during the Holocaust*

### **Film "Dangerous Diplomacy" (7:00-8:00 p.m.)**

*Documentary "Dangerous Diplomacy" with its filmmakers:*

**Bryan Boorujy**, Owner/Producer, Visual Legacy Productions

### **Closing (8:00 p.m.)**

**Val Kogan**, President, Mid-Atlantic – Eurasia Business Council