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Opening Remarks

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Reflections on Transports to Extinction

Professor Yehuda Bauer
Academic Advisor to Yad Vashem
Chair, Yad Vashem Research Institute
Israel Prize Laureate
Member, Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities
Chair, Content Committee of Stockholm Forum
Hon. Chairman, International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)

Workshop: "The Auschwitz Album"

Presenter: Lori Gerson
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Professor Yehuda Bauer is considered to be one of the major scholars of the Holocaust. He was born in Czechoslovakia and made Aliyah in 1939. He received his doctorate in 1960, and the following year, began teaching at the Avraham Harman Institute for Contemporary Jewry at Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His academic career includes visiting professorships at Brandeis University, Yale University, Richard Stockton College, and Clark University, and membership on the editorial board of multiple Holocaust related publications.

Professor Bauer's professional distinction and recognition for his work spans across the globe. He was awarded the Israel Prize in connection with his work on Holocaust studies and is a Member of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities. This recognition also includes Chair to the Yad Vashem Research Institute, Academic Adviser to Yad Vashem, Chair of the Content Committee of the Stockholm Forum on Holocaust Education and Genocide Prevention, and Academic Adviser of the International Task Force for Holocaust Education and Research (ITF) – now IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance). He is currently its Hon. Chairman. Professor Bauer is one of the most influential voices to raise consciousness of the Holocaust and of its ongoing major impact on the world.

Lori Gerson is a graduate of Barnard College in New York City. Lori worked for many years in the field of education in the United States. In 2005, Lori moved to Israel with her family and then joined the Yad Vashem team as a guide for educational groups. Since 2016, Lori has taken on the role of Educational Coordinator in Yad Vashem's Overseas Education and Training Department where she lectures, coordinates seminars, develops curricula and guides educators in best practices. She works in the International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem in the teacher training department.

Marlene Warshawski Yahalom, Ph.D., is the Director of Education for the American Society for Yad Vashem. She is responsible for educational outreach and programs, professional development, teacher training and traveling exhibitions to raise the public's awareness of the lessons of the Holocaust. She also serves on the Education Advisory Board of the Rose and Sigmund Strochlitz Holocaust Resource Center, Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut, and PRISM: an interdisciplinary journal for Holocaust educators. Dr. Yahalom earned her Ph.D. in Sociology from Columbia University. Her thesis is on "The Role of Archives in Remembering the Holocaust: A Study in Collective Memory." She also taught courses on the Holocaust – History and Collective Memory of the Holocaust, and Holocaust, Law and Human Rights. Dr. Yahalom is the child and grandchild of Holocaust Survivors.