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**Fall 2008 / THE LUNCH & LEARN SERIES**

**Encounters with History:**

**Major Events & the Fates of Individuals**

*Thursday, October 16*

*in the Gen Re Auditorium, first floor*

**The Mrs. Ellen & Dr. Bernard Spilka Lecture**

**Distinguished Guest Speaker**

**Professor Nechama Tec**

*UConn, Stamford*

***Defiance: The Book and the Making of the Movie***

Book signing to follow

*Thursday, October 23*

*in the Multi-Purpose Room, first floor*

**The Barbara & Joe Field Lecture**

**Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy**

*UConn, Stamford*

**Childhood Innocence  
and the Trauma of History**

(Jonathan Safran Foer, *Extremely Loud and  
Incredibly Close*)

*Thursday, October 30*

*in the Multi-Purpose Room, first floor*

**The Norma & Milton Mann Lecture**

**The Rev. Dr. Blaine Edele**

*Union Memorial Church, Stamford, CT*

**Martin Niemöller's  
Spiritual Journey**

(Martin Niemöller, *From U-boat to Pulpit*)

*Thursday, November 13*

*in the Schreiber Reading Room, second floor*

**The Sary & Edward Backer Lecture**

**Dr. Nehama Aschkenasy**

*UConn, Stamford*

**In the Shadow of War:  
A Woman's Dialogue with History**

(Michal Govrin, *Snapshots*)

*Parking on the second level of the UConn parking garage on Washington Boulevard*

**Registration for the Fall 2008 Lunch & Learn Series**

Please make your check of \$45 for the entire four-session series or for both the Annual Conference and this series for the discounted early-registration rate of \$85 (including lunch) payable to:

Judaic Studies, UConn, Stamford, and mail to: Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies, UConn, Stamford, One University Place, Stamford, CT 06901-2315.

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I (We)'ll register for both the November 2nd Annual Conference and the Lunch & Learn Series for the discounted price of \$85 for both. Enclosed check for: \_\_\_\_\_

Free admission for UConn faculty, staff, and students, and for local students and professionals in non-profit agencies, but advance reservation is required.

Please indicate your luncheon choice:  Tuna on Rye  Bagel with Cream Cheese and Lox  Veggie Wrap

*Registration is for the entire series only! Please register by October 8  
For more information, call 203-251-9525.*



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THE FALL 2008 LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

## Encounters with History: Major Events & the Fates of Individuals

The Fall 2008 series will open on Thursday, October 16, with a distinguished guest speaker, Professor Nechama Tec, discussing her book, *Defiance: The Bielski Partisans*, recently produced as a major motion picture, as well as the making of the movie. Prof. Tec's renowned book tells the heroic story of the largest armed rescue of Jews, by Jews, during World War II. The film adaptation was written and directed by Edward Zwick, the creator of "Blood Diamond," and stars Daniel Craig, also in "Casino Royal," "Munich," & "Road to Perdition."

Nechama Tec, born in Lublin, Poland, is a Holocaust survivor. Recently awarded Doctor of Humane Letters from the HUC-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, she is the author of *Every Day Lasts a Year* (2007), *Resilience and Courage: Men, Women and the Holocaust* (2003), *Defiance: The Bielski Partisans* (1993), *In the Lion's Den: The Life of Oswald Rufeisen* (1990), nominated for the Pulitzer Prize; *When Light Pierced the Darkness: Christian Rescue of Jews in Nazi-Occupied Poland* (1986), and *Dry Tears: The Story of a Lost Childhood* (1984). Her books have been translated into Dutch, French, Hebrew, German, Italian, and Polish. In 2002, she was appointed by President George W. Bush to

the Council of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., where she also serves on the Academic Advisory Committee of its Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies.

Professor Tec's book will be available for purchase! Book signing to follow lecture.

This series was made possible by the generosity of Linda and Ed Spilka, Norma and Milton Mann, Barbara and Joe Field, and Sary and Edward Backer

The Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies at UConn, Stamford, offers credit courses within the academic curriculum in the Humanities as well as non-credit outreach programs for the community at large in all areas of Judaic culture, literature, and history, from antiquity to modern times, Israel, Middle Eastern literature and politics, as well as in interfaith studies.

Now embarking on its twenty-eighth year, the Center has created a learning community around itself which gathers for intellectual discussions of scholarly and contemporary issues. The Center has been recognized for its innovative programs in the areas of traditional academic education and particularly outreach projects. Since its inception, the Center has enjoyed broad community recognition and has been financially supported by individuals, foundations, corporate gifts, and matching grants.

The Center is a recipient agency of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien. For information on our current programs and the Certificate in Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies, please call 203-251-9525.



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**SAVE THE DATE :**  
**\*SUNDAY, November 2, 2008**  
**The Louis J. Kuriansky**  
**Fall 2008 Annual Conference**

Register early for both the Lunch & Learn Series and the 2008 Annual Conference for the discounted price of \$85!!!

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Daniel Craig in "Defiance," an Edward Zwick movie.