

33rd Annual Sam Miller Catholic Jewish Colloquium

Overcoming Hate with
Compassion and Education

Thursday, October 21, 2021 from 7:00 PM-8:00 PM ET

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Speaker: Dr. Maria Lombardo, expert lecturer on the Holocaust in Italy,
Raoul Wallenberg Award Recipient

Respondent: Vlad Khaykin, Director of Antisemitism Programs, ADL

Most Holocaust history focuses on countries with strong antisemitic sentiment that preceded WWII and enabled the destruction of Jewish people, much of which was carried out not only by Nazis, but by the local populations. Yet, exhibiting compassion and humanity, Italians saved most of their Jews even though there was pressure to comply with the Nazi plan to annihilate them with Mussolini's support. How did Italians rise above the atmosphere of hate?

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About the Speakers



Speaker: Dr. Maria Lombardo was born in Calabria, Italy. She earned her doctorate in Reading and Bilingual Education at Boston University. Dr. Lombardo has been the keynote speaker at many Holocaust conferences and is the author of three books, including *A Camp Without Walls: the Journey of an Italian Survivor of a Nazi Labor Camp and His Family's Plight from World War II to the Present*. She received the Raoul Wallenberg Award and the Marisa Bellisario Mela d'Oro Award for her work in promoting the Italian language and culture in the United States.

Respondent: Vlad Khaykin serves as the National Director of Programs on Antisemitism at the Anti-Defamation League. Before joining ADL in 2014, Vlad served as the Assistant Director for Communications and Advocacy for the American Jewish Committee (AJC) in Philadelphia where he advocated on issues related to immigration reform, foreign policy, and human rights. Vlad earned dual Master's degrees in Non-Profit Leadership and Near Eastern & Judaic Studies from Brandeis University, where he was awarded the Genesis Fellowship, and a B.A. in Economics and Business Management from UC Santa Cruz



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