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## **LINEN HALL SHINES A LIGHT INTO THE DARKNESS OF THE HOLOCAUST WITH EVENTS TO MARK HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2021**

The Linen Hall in partnership with Conflict Textiles will mark Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January with an online event at 2.00pm featuring a transnational panel of contributors relaying personal stories about Holocaust-related family memorabilia.

There will also be an online exhibition, *Light During the Darkness: Remembering the Holocaust*, beginning Monday 18 January and running until Monday 1 February. Each day an item, be it a photograph, piece of memorabilia or other, with its own unique story relating to the Holocaust, will be posted on the Linen Hall's social media channels.

The event on Holocaust Memorial Day, Wednesday 27 January, will take place via ZOOM from 2.00pm – 3.30pm and will feature a panel of contributors including award-winning author and poet Marjorie Agosín, originally from Chile, who will join the event live from the USA. Others will be contributing from Argentina, Germany, Northern Ireland and the USA. Each person will relay a story about a family item relating to the Holocaust. **To book for this event visit the Linen Hall Library [www.linenhall.com](http://www.linenhall.com).**

Linen Hall Director Julie Andrews said: “As an institution that holds archives from all religious, political and cultural persuasions, the Linen Hall is proud to support Holocaust Memorial Day 2021 as a way of remembering and reflecting on a tragic moment in human history.”

Roberta Bacic, Conflict Textiles Curator, said: “In times of darkness, some bright light always squeezes through. So do memories. As we mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2021, we value our contributors from three different continents who will bring to life people and memorabilia that bear witness to those who suffered in different ways and/or resisted the Nazi regime.”

**For more information and to book go to [www.linenhall.com](http://www.linenhall.com).**

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## Notes:

**Interviews and images are available on request. For more information about this event contact Rachel Wetherall, Head of Digital and Marketing Communications, Linen Hall Library, [r.wetherall@linenhall.com](mailto:r.wetherall@linenhall.com).**

## **Biography of Marjorie Agosín, who is participating in the online event from the USA.**

Marjorie Agosín is a descendant of Austrian Jews from the city of Vienna. Her grandfather immigrated to Chile bringing his mother and brother from Vienna in 1938. They arrived to Valparaíso, Chile in 1939 in the “Copiapo”, the last Chilean boat that left Hamburg. The legacy of her family has inspired her to be engaged with social justice and to write about the dignity of people through poetry. Marjorie is an award-winning author and poet and a professor of Spanish at Wellesley College.

**Conflict Textiles** is an 'Associated Site' of **CAIN** (Conflict Archive on the INternet) at Ulster University, Northern Ireland. The collection is mainly comprised of arpilleras, quilts and wall hangings. Making visible the struggle for the disappeared remains at the very core of the collection. For more information visit <https://cain.ulster.ac.uk/conflicttextiles/>

**For more information about Holocaust Memorial Day visit: <https://www.hmd.org.uk/>**

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