



SPME Shillman Lecture Series @ West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Lecture – Film – Discussion

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 @ 3:30pm

“Sport - Religion - Politics”

SPEAKERS: Dr. Marcia Sachs Littell, Professor Emeritus in Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Stockton University; Dr. Asaf Romirowsky, Executive Director of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East, and Betsy Rentz, Special Education teacher and Israel Advocate

LOCATION: West Chester University, Schmucker Science Link (SSL 151), on Church Street, West Chester, PA 19838 (parking available next to Admission Center, 100 W Rosedale Ave)

Please join us for a lecture/discussion following the viewing of the film “**Watermarks**,” a 2004 award-winning Documentary about the champion women swimmers of the legendary Jewish sports club, “Hakoah Vienna,” who were forced to disband during the rise of fascism in the 1930’s Austria. Founded in 1909, the Hakoah Vienna sports club, taking its name from the Hebrew word for strength, produced a host of talented female swimmers, who thrived in opposition to anti-Semitic trends that began to color Austrian society in the early 20th century. The club was a casualty of Hitler’s rise to power in the 1930’s, but several of the women who were team members went on to live long, colorful lives. Now senior citizens, they’ve reunited in this documentary about sports, survival and bravery.

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