

## EXHIBITION TALENT

### **Mera Brooks** (Melbourne)

Guest curator, *Theresienstadt: Drawn from the Inside: Works from the Jewish Museum of Australia Collection*

### **Jessica Rynderman** (Melbourne)

Exhibitions Curator, Jewish Museum of Australia

### **Jenny Better** (Melbourne)

Education Coordinator, Jewish Museum of Australia

## **Theresienstadt Survivors**

### **Paul Drexler** (Sydney)

Paul Drexler is a child survivor of Theresienstadt. He is currently a guide at the Sydney Jewish Museum and is launching a second edition of his autobiography which tells the story of how he was “caught up in the tragedy of the Holocaust” and, after being liberated by the Red Army, struggles to come to terms with his father’s mysterious death during the last days of World War II. *In Search of My Father* will be launched at the Jewish Museum of Australia on the day of the exhibition opening.

### **Peter Gaspar** (Melbourne)

Peter Gaspar is a child survivor of Theresienstadt where he was interned from December 1944 – May 1945. His main recollections of this period are of “boredom, hunger and cold”. He considers himself “lucky”, as a seven-year-old intern of the camp, to have secured a part in *Broucci* (‘Fireflies’) which was performed for delegates of the Investigation Committee of the Red Cross established to ascertain the wellbeing of camp inhabitants. He was given more food for the week prior the performance so as to appear healthier. Peter currently works with Courage to Care, a travelling exhibition and educational program about respect and acceptance of all peoples. The program uses the stories of people who - at great risk to themselves, their families and their communities - saved Jews during the Holocaust.

### **Gary Fabian** (Melbourne)

Gary Fabian, a Holocaust Survivor who spent part of his childhood in Theresienstadt, is a journalist and author. He is the author of "The Jews Down Under" column for *San Diego Jewish World* and he has published a book about his life called *The Look Back Over My Shoulder*. He was the chairman of B'nai B'rith in Victoria between 2006 – 2009 and is also an active member of Courage to Care.

### **Charles Winter** (Melbourne)

Charles Winter was only a teenager when in December 1941, his family – parents and a half-sister – were interned at Theresienstadt. He was ultimately transported to Birkenau (the so called family camp) where he shared his ordeal with other boys who became known as the Birkenau Boys. He has kept his striped prison shirt from Buchenwald concentration camp and uses the Auschwitz digits tattooed on his arm for his mobile phone number and email pin.

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