



Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Carl Lutz and Diplomatic Rescue in the Holocaust

March 30, 2026

3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. In-person | 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hybrid

**Quaker Arch Street Meeting House,
320 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19106**

Presented by: **Mid-Atlantic - Eurasia Business Council &
Jewish Genealogy and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia**

"Visas for Life: The Righteous and Honorable Diplomats"

*The exhibit celebrates the life and accomplishments of Carl Lutz and other
diplomats who participated in rescue efforts during the Holocaust*

Opening

Val Kogan

President, Mid-Atlantic – Eurasia Business Council

Felicia Alexander

President, Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia

Welcoming Remarks:

Michael Newmuis, 2026 Director, Office of Mayor Cherelle L. Parker, City of Philadelphia

David Briel & Jennifer Gilburg, Deputy Secretaries, Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Consul General Ambassador Niculin Jäger, Consulate General of Switzerland in New York

Zabeth Teelucksingh, President of Global Philadelphia Association

Sean Connolly, Executive Director, Arch Street Quaker Meeting House

Keynote speakers:

Consul General Ambassador Niculin Jäger, Consulate General of Switzerland in New York

Agnes Hirschi, Carl Lutz' stepdaughter and Honorary President of Carl Lutz Society

Eric Saul, Founder & Executive Director, Visas for Life and Institute for the Study of Rescue and Altruism in the Holocaust (ISRAH)



Special Speaker

Rabbi Andrew Baker, Director of International Jewish Affairs, American Jewish Committee, introduction by **Marcia Bronstein**, Regional Director, AJC Philadelphia/SNJ

Speakers:

Zev Eleff, President, Gratz College

Sophie Don, Executive Director, Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation

Jonathan Brent, Executive Director & CEO, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

Walter Reich, Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Professor of International Affairs, Ethics and Human Behavior, The George Washington University

Diplomats Stories

Diplomats Who Saved Lives During the Holocaust:

Forgotten Heroes of the Holocaust. Congressional Gold Medals

Eric Saul, Founder & Executive Director, Visas for Life and Institute for the Study of Rescue and Altruism in the Holocaust (ISRAH)

Laurene Sherlock, Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt's granddaughter

Diplomats names Reading

Reading of the names of diplomats who were killed or imprisoned for aiding Jews during the Holocaust

Survivors Stories

Voices of Survivors: Stories of Rescuers and Rescued Families

Miriam Eger, Laszlo and Bozsi Szamosi's daughter

Film "Dangerous Diplomacy"

Documentary "Dangerous Diplomacy" with its filmmakers:

Bryan Boorujy, Owner/Producer, Visual Legacy Productions

Closing

Val Kogan, President, Mid-Atlantic – Eurasia Business Council