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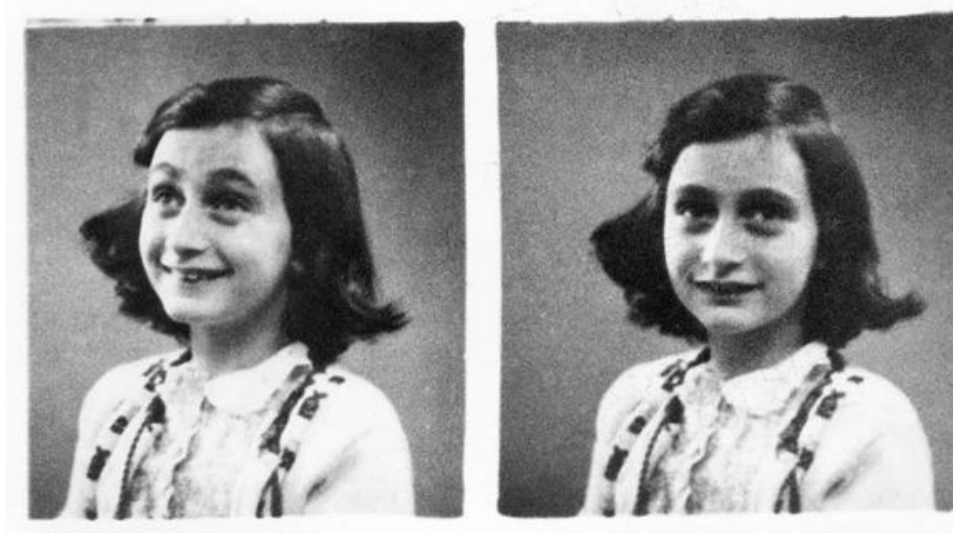
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Let Me Be Myself: The Life Story of Anne Frank **March 4 — May 30, 2018**



Anne Frank, 1939.

[Seattle, WA]: March 4 – May 30, the Henry and Sandra Friedman HOLOCAUST CENTER FOR HUMANITY will host the North American exhibit premiere of *Let Me Be Myself: The Life Story of Anne Frank*.

"I know what I want. I have a goal, an opinion. I have a religion and love. Let me be myself and then I am satisfied. I know that I'm a woman, a woman with inward strength and plenty of courage." Anne Frank

Through pictures, artifacts, scale models, video, and narrative, *Let Me Be Myself* offers an insider's view of Anne Frank's life, from her birth in 1929 to her death in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945, at the age of 15. Visitors will learn about the Frank family's insulated life in hiding juxtaposed against a world in turmoil: the rise of Hitler, the persecution of the Jews, and the Second World War.

The exhibit culminates with a section in which today's teens address issues of identity and discrimination they deal with in their own lives. Through the story of Anne Frank, visitors are encouraged to examine their own attitudes towards others and consider the effects of prejudice, discrimination, hatred, and violence.

"Anne Frank's story resonates with people of all ages and backgrounds," says Ilana Cone Kennedy, Director of Education at the Holocaust Center for Humanity. "Anne's story challenges us to think critically and consider the world we live in through that lens. Anne inspires students to hope – and speak-out in the face of injustice."

Let Me Be Myself: The Life Story of Anne Frank was developed by the Anne Frank House and is sponsored in North America by the Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect. This special exhibit opens to the public Wednesdays and Sundays March 4 through May 30. Field trips and group tours can be scheduled online at HolocaustCenterSeattle.org.

Let Me Be Myself: The Life Story of Anne Frank is made possible at the Henry and Sandra Friedman HOLOCAUST CENTER FOR HUMANITY with funding from lead sponsor, Debbie Killinger

ABOUT THE CENTER: Connecting lessons of the Holocaust to a broad range of relevant themes for our time, from bullying to social justice, the Holocaust Center for Humanity has been teaching students to become engaged citizens and to speak out against bigotry and prejudice since 1989. The Center works directly with teachers, students, and community groups across the Northwest to provide educational materials, curriculum, and interaction with local Holocaust survivors who tell their stories to 20,000 students of all ages each year. In 2015, the Center opened its museum to the public. Since then, over 16,000 students of all ages have toured the Center's exhibits.

The Holocaust Center for Humanity's mission is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust, inspiring students of all ages to confront bigotry and indifference, promote human dignity, and take action. Find out more at HolocaustCenterSeattle.org.

RELATED PROGRAMMING

Press Preview

Thursday, March 1, 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Teacher Workshop: Anne Frank – Let Me Be Myself

Friday, March 2, 8:30AM – 3:30PM

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Offered in conjunction with the exhibit, participants will: gain practical teaching tools and resources for teaching the Holocaust, take a guided tour of the special exhibit, and hear from a Holocaust survivor. Clock hours and lunch provided. \$20 registration fee.

Lunch & Learn: Hidden Like Anne

Wednesday, March 14, 11:30AM – 1:15PM

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Pete Metzelaar, like Anne Frank, lived in Amsterdam and went into hiding when the Nazis took power. Hear his story of survival. Brown bag lunch. Coffee and cookies served. Reservations required. Learn more at www.HolocaustCenterSeattle.org.

Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah)

Sunday, April 15, 10:00AM – 4:00PM

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Yom Hashoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, is a memorial day for the 6 million Jewish people, and the millions of non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Please join us throughout the day to remember, to learn, and to be inspired. **11:00AM - Agi Day**, Holocaust survivor and hidden child from Belgrade, shares her story of escape and survival as a young child. **2:00PM - Ingrid Steppic**, a young child in Holland during the Holocaust, remembers her family hiding and saving 40 Jewish people. Free and open to the public.

Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, May 16, 11:30AM – 1:15PM

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Speaker and details upcoming

Teacher Workshop: Teaching Tolerance and Social Justice Standards

Tuesday, May 22, 8:30AM – 3:30PM

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Offered in partnership with Teaching Tolerance, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center. Participants will gain practical tools and resources to teach about social justice and the Holocaust with materials aligned with Common Core Standards. Clock hours and lunch provided. \$20 registration fee.