

**Jewish Community Action Presents the:
100th Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire
Commemorative Series:
Then and Now: Immigrants, Workers and the Search for Justice.**

On March 25, 1911, fire broke out in New York City's Triangle Shirtwaist Factory and 146 workers, mostly young Jewish and Italian immigrant women, died. Exit doors had been locked, elevators failed, fire escapes crumbled, and the fire department's ladders did not reach high enough. In the aftermath of this disaster, the owners were acquitted of responsibility by a jury. But, immigrant women garment workers across the city built up the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (ILGWU) and negotiated economic and physical security, while the city government enacted new regulations about workplace safety and inspections.

The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire became a major memorial day in U.S. labor history. This spring across the United States, commemorative events will mark the 100th anniversary of one of America's worst industrial tragedies. Jewish Community Action, together with a range of historical, educational, labor, immigrant rights, and social justice organizations, will mark the anniversary with a series of events in March, April and May:

**Sunday, March 6th at 3pm – John B. Davis Auditorium at Macalester College
Film Screening on the Fire and Panel Discussion**

Panelists include Hy Berman Historian; Liban Ali-UNITE-HERE Local 17; representatives from Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL) and more TBA.

**Sunday, March 27th at 1:30pm – Mount Zion Temple- RSVP by Friday, March 18, 2011.
Jewish Community Action's 9th Annual Immigrant Freedom Seder**

A Passover Seder commemorating the Fire and highlighting ongoing immigrant and worker issues. Led by Rabbi Amy Eilberg and featuring stories from past and present immigrant groups.

**Throughout March—Twin Cities Wide at Congregations and in Homes
D'verei Torah and Study Sessions**

A coordination of teachings and talks on the Fire, as well as past and present immigrant and labor stories. We will also distribute a *Haggadah* insert for home use during *Pesach*.

**Sunday, April 3rd at 1pm – Sabes Jewish Community Center
VOICE Film Premiere of *New Faces of MN-Meet Us*, Photo Exhibit and Panel Discussion**

JCA and VOICE will co-sponsor the screening of a new film about the experiences of immigrants from Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, East Africa, and Central America.

**April 10th at 10am – Sabes Jewish Community Center
The Minneapolis Yiddish Vinkl's event, "Remembering and Honoring our Past"**

JCA encourages members to attend the Minneapolis Yiddish Vinkl's event that will highlight the immigrant experience, the Triangle Fire and the Holocaust through poems, song and more.

**Wednesday, April 13th at 7pm - Beth Jacob Congregation and
Sunday, April 17th at 7pm – Macalester College**

Premiere MN Screening of AbUSEd: The Postville Story:

Luis Argueta will introduce his new film that focuses on the Postville Story and explores various immigrant and worker themes. Please contact vic@jewishcommunityaction.org for more info.

Sunday, May 22nd - Jewish Labor History Bus Tour in St. Paul

Led by Labor Historians Peter Rachleff and Dave Riehle. This tour, in a 1954 Metro Transit Bus, is sponsored by the Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library and their annual "Untold Stories" labor history program. For more information and to RSVP contact Rachleff@macalester.edu.

Various Dates throughout March, April and May in St. Paul

JCA encourages you to attend the 14th Annual Untold Stories Labor History program with the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library. For more information go to: www.thefriends.org.

For more information about the 100th Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire Commemorative Series and to RSVP for events, please contact Lauren Bastien, JCA staff:

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This Series is being organized by Jewish Community Action, with community sponsorship from the following organizations to date:

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The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library

Immigrant History Research Center of the University of MN-Twin Cities (IHRC)

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Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest (JHSUM)

Macalester College

Minneapolis Yiddish Vinkl

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