

THE ABSENCE : LA AUSENCIA FILM & TRIBUTE  
AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER  
May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016

Ceremony honoring Holocaust Survivors at the Premiere of the film The Absence: La Ausencia, by Lizbeth Schonfeld on May 1st., 2016 at The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, Florida.

Guests of Honor: Rossita Kenigsberg and Dr. Miriam K. Kassenoff who were recognized for their devotion to Holocaust Education, shared their message and were thanked for their diffusion of the version for Students of the film The Absence - La Ausencia to the schools.

David Yisrael, President of The Yad Vashem Venezuelan Committee was honored, as well as Judy Rodan, Hidden Child from The Holocaust, mother of Lizbeth, who spoke on behalf of the Survivors.

The musical Tribute was performed by the artists of the film, Karina with song Eli and Libertad: Vivian Fulop, song in Idish, with pianist Alan Mason, and song: Liberation - dance performance. Soledad Bravo, from Tribute 1995 in Venezuela, with song: La Era está pariendo un corazón, and Ilan Chester, composer, singer and pianist of theme Ser Feliz. Students of diverse schools participated in the performance, to bring messages of Peace and Unity.

Distinguished guests such as the highest representatives of Government of The City Of Aventura - Mayor Enid Weisman, Mr. Eric Soroka – Manager – City of Aventura.  
The Directors of Education: Mr. Alberto Carvalho – Superintendent Miami Dade County Public Schools, Dr. Martin Karp – Board Member Schools Miami Dade County.

The College Deans: Dr. Isaac Prilleltensky - Dean School of Education and Human Development University of Miami  
Orla Prilleltensky - Professor Department of Educational and Psychological Studies. Univ. of Miami  
Dr. Michael Patrick Gillespie - Director of The Center of Humanities - Florida International University

Dr. Henry Green - Professor College of Arts & Sciences University of Miami  
Dr. Harvey Feldman – Physician Assistant Faculty – Nova Southeastern University  
Dr. Gary Gershman – Department of History and Political Science – Nova Southeastern University  
Dr. Karen Shatz – Associate Professor – Department of Counseling – Barry University  
Dr. Leon Weissberg – Holocaust Studies – Broward Community College  
HEADS OF SCHOOL EDUCATION LEADERS: Ms. Toni Weissberg, Mrs. Julie Aim. Ms. Linda Marks

Community Leaders: Anita Lapco: Broward J. Fed. . Paul Cruz GMJF  
Rendell Perry: Faith C. Religious Leaders: Rabbi Litwak – Temple Sinai . Rev. Richard Dunn Faith C. Baptist Church  
Cantor Norman Cohen Falah, Rabbi Yeshurun

Educators: Ms. Heitner, Mora Leah, Mr. Glenn Wolf, Ms. Natalie Kartz, Ms. Lisa Brill.

Promoters: WOMEN OF THE ABSENCE / Thanks: M. Silberman, H. Mitrani. I. Rodan, V. Bendrao  
Assistants: Ms. Kartz, Ms. Brill, Elisa Schonfeld, Monica Auslander Alicia Mejía. Trent Maduro  
Our greatest appreciation to City Manager Erik Soroka & Jeff Kiltie and Marie Bourdreau of A.A. C.C.

The film The Absence: La Ausencia was screened in the event, a documentary feature film about The Holocaust, in Spanish with English sub-titles, version for adults. Other versions are viewed in the schools, libraries and Holocaust Centers around the world.