



Showing of 'The Imitation Game' to Benefit Sara & Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center

Producer's Family Ties to Stockton Lead to Special Showing in Area

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Galloway Township, NJ - Family connections spanning the Holocaust link The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and the producer of the hit movie "The Imitation Game," which will be screened exclusively in Atlantic County on **Thursday, Jan. 15** to benefit Stockton's Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center.

"The Imitation Game" stars Benedict Cumberbatch in the true story of Alan Turing, the genius British mathematician and computer scientist who cracked the Nazis' code, saving many lives and helping the Allies win World War II. He was prosecuted as a homosexual in 1952 and later died of cyanide poisoning. Queen Elizabeth II posthumously pardoned him in 2013.

The film will be shown at 7 p.m. on Jan. 15 at the Frank Theatres' Towne Stadium 16 in Egg Harbor Township, at a cost of \$18, with proceeds benefiting the center. Those who attend this exclusive movie event also will receive a resource booklet with additional information to supplement the film.

Producer Nora Grossman has a direct link to the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center. Her great-grandfather, Benjamin Grossman, left Poland prior to WWII but many members of his family stayed and were murdered in the Holocaust. Nora Grossman's cousin, Gail Rosenthal, is the granddaughter of Benjamin and director of the center. Nora Grossman's parents, Kathy Speer and Terry Grossman, have endowed a scholarship to support Stockton students who travel to sites related to the Holocaust on faculty-led study tours.

Foremost among the Holocaust Resource Center's missions is the need "to commemorate the Holocaust and develop sensitivity and understanding by combating racism, hatred, and oppression," Rosenthal noted. "'The Imitation Game' is very enlightening about the context in which the Holocaust occurred. And, since it portrays a man who was victimized because

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he was a homosexual, the movie also is very informative about aspects of hatred and oppression that contemporary societies are still endeavoring to combat,” she added.

“Viewing ‘The Imitation Game’ leads us to ask important questions about our history and about ourselves, about those to whom we owe a debt of gratitude, and about what our attitudes are to those whom we consider different from ourselves,” Rosenthal said. “These are the questions that the students who pass through the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center are also confronted with.”

Tickets may be purchased by calling 609-652-4699 or 609-652-4542 or visit Stockton.edu, search for the [Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center](#) and scroll down to the movie registration form.

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