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Incarcerated Journalist to Keynote Holocaust Education Resource Center's Gala

Milwaukee—Maziar Bahari, an Iranian-Canadian journalist and filmmaker, will be the keynote speaker at the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center's "HERC Impacts the World" gala. This sold-out event takes place on Thursday, Nov. 16, 6 p.m., at the Wisconsin Club Country Club in Milwaukee.

Bahari was the subject of the film "Rosewater" by Jon Stewart. From 1998 to 2011, Bahari was a Newsweek journalist, reporting from the Middle East. In 2009, while working on a controversial presidential election in Tehran, Iran, he was arrested and jailed in Tehran's Evin Prison for 118 days. He speaks around the world about his incarceration and his newly released memoir, "Then They Came for Me."

HERC is welcoming Bahari back to Milwaukee, 20 years after he interviewed Phil Freund, a local Holocaust survivor and passenger on the MS St. Louis, while working on the documentary, "The Voyage of the St. Louis."

The two honorees of the evening are Betty Chrustowski and Dr. Richard Lux. Chrustowski is one of the leaders of the Milwaukee Jewish community, the former chair of the HERC Board of Directors and daughter of Holocaust survivors. Lux is Professor Emeritus of Scripture Studies at Sacred Heart School of Theology, the founder of the Lux Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies and the author of the book "The Jewish People, The Holy Land and the State of Israel: A Catholic View."

HERC's mission is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to create a more tolerant, respectful world. The Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center is a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation led by Executive Director, Dr. Shay Pilnik.

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