

Rutgers Miller Center Partners with the International March of the Living for the 2022 “Let There Be Light” Kristallnacht Commemoration in Dubai

November 17, 2022 (New Brunswick, N.J.) - The Miller Center for Policing Excellence and Community Resilience partnered with the International March of the Living for the [2022 “Let There Be Light” Kristallnacht Commemoration](#) at the Crossroads of Civilizations Museum in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The purpose of the commemoration is to remember the past, but also to raise awareness about the current atmosphere of intolerance, prejudice, and racism that exists in the world today, by bringing together people of all faiths and backgrounds for an educational effort.

[Tune into JBS](#) at 7:30pm EST on Thursday, November 17th to watch the broadcast of the International March of the Living’s entire Kristallnacht Commemoration program.

The event marked the 84th anniversary of Kristallnacht, when hundreds of synagogues were damaged or destroyed by Nazis. Approximately 100 Jews were murdered and 30,000 more were rounded up and sent to concentration camps, marking an ominous turning point in history, and a key juncture in the evolution of the mass genocide of the Jewish people carried out by Nazi Germany during WWII.

The keynote speech during the ceremony was delivered by Eve Kugler, the first Holocaust survivor to tell her story in Dubai. Eve was only seven years old when the Germans broke into her home on Kristallnacht. During her visit to the UAE, Eve also met with Jewish and Muslim children at a school.

“This year’s commemoration of Kristallnacht at the Crossroads of Civilization Museum in Dubai looks both to the past, in recognizing the suffering and persecution of Jews on that terrifying night in 1938, and to the present, in which vulnerable populations around the world confront isolation, hatred, and violence. Its message is simple: never again,” said John J. Farmer, Jr., Director of the Miller Center and of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University-New Brunswick.

“I responded to over 250 hate crimes in the United States and across Europe. What I’ve seen during the past 36 months rattles someone like myself. How did we get to this place? Where do we go from here? Our strength lies in diversity, acceptance, and a common collective goal to assemble freely in our respective houses of worship without fear, intimidation, or threat of violence,” said Paul Goldenberg, Senior Fellow for Transnational Security at the Miller Center,

Former Member of the United States Department of Homeland Security Advisory Council, and former Chair of the DHS Subcommittee that addresses targeted violence against religious communities.

“Among other things, the Miller Center focuses on operationalizing the words ‘never again’ by building bridges of trust between Jewish and other vulnerable populations throughout Europe and the police that are sworn to protect them,” said Goldenberg. “During times of crisis and other catastrophic events, it’s the community organizations – the very fabric of democracy – that are best positioned to become critical partners. They simply need the resources and training. That’s our work at the Miller Center. 2023 will bring even more complex challenges for vulnerable communities throughout the world. At the request of governments, NGOs, and communities of faith, Miller Center experts will be traveling across the U.S. and Europe in the months ahead in furtherance of the Center’s core mission.”

Goldenberg represented the Miller Center at the Commemoration and gave a [speech](#) about hate crimes and his experience working in law enforcement and national security.

“We are indeed very proud and honored to consider the Miller Center for Policing Excellence and Community Resilience at Rutgers University our long-standing partner in combating intolerance, racism, antisemitism and all forms of hatred globally,” said David Machlis, Professor at Adelphi University and Co-founder of the International March of the Living. “The Miller Center’s seminal research on hate crimes on the internet and their tireless efforts to protect faith based communities from attacks that seem to be growing exponentially is both admirable and perfectly aligned with the universal goals of the March of the Living. The leadership of John Farmer and the guidance of Paul Miller are invaluable in the effectiveness of the International March of the Living as we remember the past and do all in our power to ensure a better future for all humankind.”

“The International March of the Living organization has devoted itself over the past 35 years to Holocaust education and the fight against antisemitism along with all forms of hatred. We strongly believe that the answer to extremism and antisemitism is education,” said Dr. Shmuel Rosenman and Phyllis Greenberg Heideman, Chairman and President of the International March of the Living.

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