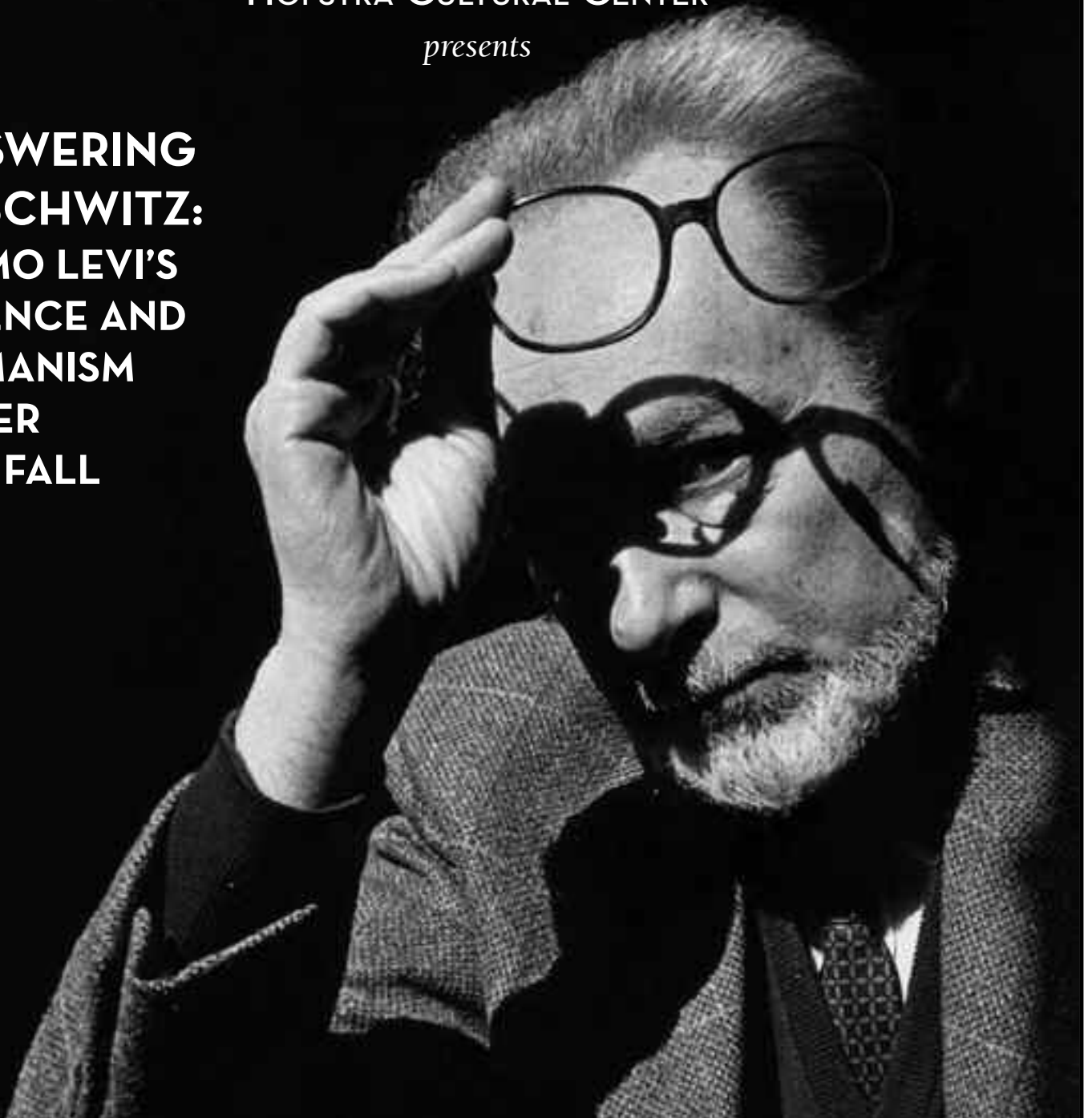


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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2007
PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT

Hofstra Cultural Center

presents a FILM SCREENING: *Primo*

Primo is the film version of Antony Sher's one-man play, directed by Richard Wilson of the National Theatre Company of London, which ran at the Music Box Theater in New York City in the summer of 2005. Based entirely on Levi's writings, this is a riveting performance. (90 mins., color, English, starring Antony Sher, 2005)

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2007

8 a.m-5 p.m.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

Rochelle and Irwin A. Lowenfeld Conference and Exhibition Hall
Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, 10th Floor, South Campus

9 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONY

Greetings from the Hofstra Community

Welcome

Stanislao G. Pugliese

Professor of History
Hofstra University
Conference Director

9:30-11 a.m.

PANEL I: WHY?

Joram Warmund

Professor of History
Long Island University, Brooklyn
"Warum?"

Amy Shapiro

Ph.D. Candidate in History
Indiana University
"Primo Levi's Analysis: Guilt or Shame?"

Timothy Pytell

Assistant Professor of History
California State University, San Bernadino
"Levi, Améry and Suicide"

11-11:30 a.m.

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

PANEL II: MEMORY AND BIOGRAPHY

Lynn Walford

Associate Professor of Spanish
Louisiana State University, Shreveport
“I Can No Longer Get Rid of the Feelings of Disgust and Shame’:
The Memoirs of Victor Klemperer and Primo Levi”

Mark Bernheim

Associate Professor of English
Miami University
“Biographers and Primo Levi”

Ian Thomson

Independent Scholar
London, England
“Primo Levi’s Correspondence With Hety Schmitt-Maas”

1-2:30 p.m.

LUNCHEON

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Robert S. C. Gordon

Professor of Italian
University of Cambridge, England

Joseph G. Astman Distinguished Conference Scholar

“Beyond Testimony: Levi’s Vocabularies”

2:30-4 p.m.

PANEL III: WRITING

Sara Vandewaetere

Ph.D. Candidate in Italian Literature
University of Antwerp, Belgium
“Ethical Viewpoints and Literary Strategies: The Sensorial Literature of Primo Levi”

Elizabeth Scheiber

Assistant Professor of French and Italian
Rider University
“Mi Dispiacerebbe Se Andassero Perdute: Literary Encounters and
Storytelling Techniques in *Lilit*”

William McClellan

Associate Professor of English
Baruch College, CUNY
“Primo Levi and the History of Reception”

4-4:15 p.m.

COFFEE BREAK

4:15-5 p.m.

SPECIAL ADDRESS

Ann Goldstein

Editor *The New Yorker*

“Readings From *A Tranquil Star*”

Readings of newly translated material.

5-6:30 p.m.

PANEL IV: PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY

Johan Åhr

Assistant Professor of History

Hofstra University

“The Dialectic of Survival: On Interior and Exterior Self in *The Drowned and the Saved*”

Shira Bauberg-Shalvi

Ph.D. Candidate in Comparative Literature

Bar-Ilan University, Israel

“Kant’s Concept of the ‘Sublime’ as a Tool of Understanding Primo Levi’s Work”

Marie L. Baird

Associate Professor of Theology

Duquesne University

“Kenosis, Saturated Phenomenality, and Bearing Witness: Primo Levi’s Reawakening”

6:30-8 p.m.

DINNER (on your own)

8 p.m.

“BUT WHEN WE STARTED SINGING ...”

A performance inspired by the life and works of Primo Levi.

Conceived and performed by Bob Spiotto.

Musical accompaniment and original compositions by Herb Bradensten.

Composed of literary excerpts and poetry in both Italian and English, this powerful and unique theatrical collage pays tribute to a man who authored many books, essays and poems, and became the conscience of a nation and an icon of the international human rights movement.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2007

8 a.m.-3 p.m.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

Rochelle and Irwin A. Lowenfeld Conference and Exhibition Hall
Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, 10th Floor, South Campus

9-10:30 a.m.

PANEL V: LEVI AND ANTI-FASCISM

Fred Misurella

Professor of English

East Stroudsburg University

“Pen Against the Sword: Levi, Moravia and Bassani on Fascism and World War II”

Walter Geerts

Professor of Italian and Comparative Literature

University of Antwerp, Belgium

Academia Belgica, Rome, Italy

“On Emblems of Political Thought in Primo Levi’s Fiction”

Ilona Klein

Associate Professor of Italian

Brigham Young University

“Primo Levi: The Denied Partisan”

10:30-10:45 a.m.

COFFEE BREAK

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

PANEL VI: SCIENCE AND HUMANISM AFTER AUSCHWITZ

Jonathan Druker

Assistant Professor of Italian and Holocaust Studies

Illinois State University

“Primo Levi and the Two Cultures”

Carlin Romano

Chief Literary Critic

The Philadelphia Inquirer

“Here There Is a Why: Primo Levi as Philosopher”

Joseph Farrell

Professor of Italian Studies

University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland

“The Humanity and Humanism of Primo Levi”

12:15-1:15 p.m.

LUNCH (on your own)

1:15-2:45 p.m.

PANEL VII: POETRY, FILM AND SCIENCE FICTION

Massimo Giuliani

Professor of Jewish Studies
University of Trent, Italy
“Primo Levi’s Science Fiction and the Spirit of Kafka”

Nicholas Patruno

Chair and Professor of Italian
Bryn Mawr College
“Reflections of Primo Levi’s Poetry”

Lina Insana

Assistant Professor of Italian
University of Pittsburgh
“Primo Levi on Stage and in Film”

2:45-3 p.m.

COFFEE BREAK

3-4:30 p.m.

**PANEL VIII: FROM THE PRIVATE TO THE PUBLIC:
PRIMO LEVI AND SELF-REPRESENTATION**

Millicent Marcus

Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in Italian
Yale University
“The Emergence of Levi’s Authorial Self in the *Auschwitz Report*”

Nancy Harrowitz

Associate Professor of Italian
Boston University
“Primo Levi’s Private Self and Jewish History”

Risa Sodi

Senior Lecturer in Italian
Yale University
“Primo Levi in the Public Interest: Turin, Auschwitz, Israel”

4:30-6:30 p.m.

FILM SCREENING AND ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION

The Truce

The Truce, directed by Francesco Rosi, is based on Primo Levi’s second novel/memoir, *The Reawakening*. This film recounts the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp by the Soviet Red Army and Levi’s subsequent picaresque journey through the Soviet Union and Europe in a desperate attempt to return home to Turin, Italy. Levi (portrayed by John Turturro) slowly rediscovers friendship and love in a painfully difficult return to life. (117 mins., color, English, starring John Turturro, 1996)

LOCATION OF HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY is located in Hempstead, Long Island, New York, about 25 miles east of New York City, less than an hour away by train or automobile.

The Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) has frequent trains to the Hempstead Station and the Mineola Station from Pennsylvania Station, located at 34th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, as well as from the Flatbush Avenue Station in Brooklyn, New York. Use local taxi service to the Hofstra campus.

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	(718) 229-5454

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The Hofstra campus is located approximately 30 minutes by car from either John F. Kennedy International Airport or LaGuardia Airport.

Call in advance for reservations:

Classic Transportation

Classic Transportation provides shared van service from JFK and LaGuardia Airports to Hofstra University.

Courtesy phones are located in the baggage claim area of both airports, and are connected directly to Classic dispatch/reservation. Dial 20 from the courtesy phone to speak directly with the reservation department. Inform the representative that you are traveling to Hofstra University. Cost: approximately \$20.

Note: Classic offers a discount when you reserve your round-trip airport shuttle trip online at www.classictrans.com or call (631) 567-5100.

Long Island Airport Limousine Service (LIALS)

LIALS can be called upon arrival at either JFK or LaGuardia Airport at a public telephone: 656-7000 (no area code required). The phones are monitored from 4 a.m. through midnight, seven days a week.

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(516) 352-2225 or (800) 962-2827

NOTE: Please be advised that there are no set fares charged by New York City yellow cabs between the airports and the Hofstra campus. Please confirm fee with the driver before starting your trip.

DINING FACILITIES ON CAMPUS:

There are several dining facilities on the Hofstra University campus.

FOR INFORMATION:

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LODGING INFORMATION

The Long Island Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Uniondale, Wingate Inn in Garden City, and Red Roof Inn in Westbury have been designated as the official conference hotels. Following are the special discounted room rates and cutoff dates for room reservations.

LONG ISLAND MARRIOTT HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER

101 James Doolittle Blvd.

Uniondale, NY 11553

Att: Reservations Manager

Tel: (516) 794-3800 or (800) 832-6255

Fax: (516) 794-5936

Room rate: \$159 per night, single/double occupancy.

Cutoff date: March 26, 2007

WINGATE INN

821 Stewart Avenue

Garden City, NY 11530

Tel: (516) 705-9000; Fax: (516) 705-9100

Room rate: \$139 per night, single/double occupancy.

Cutoff date: March 26, 2007

RED ROOF INN*

699 Dibblee Drive

Westbury, NY 11590

Tel: (516) 794-2555; (800) RED-ROOF

Standard room rate: \$113.99 per night, single/double/triple occupancy.

When making your reservation, please refer to CP518984 to receive Hofstra University's discounted rate.

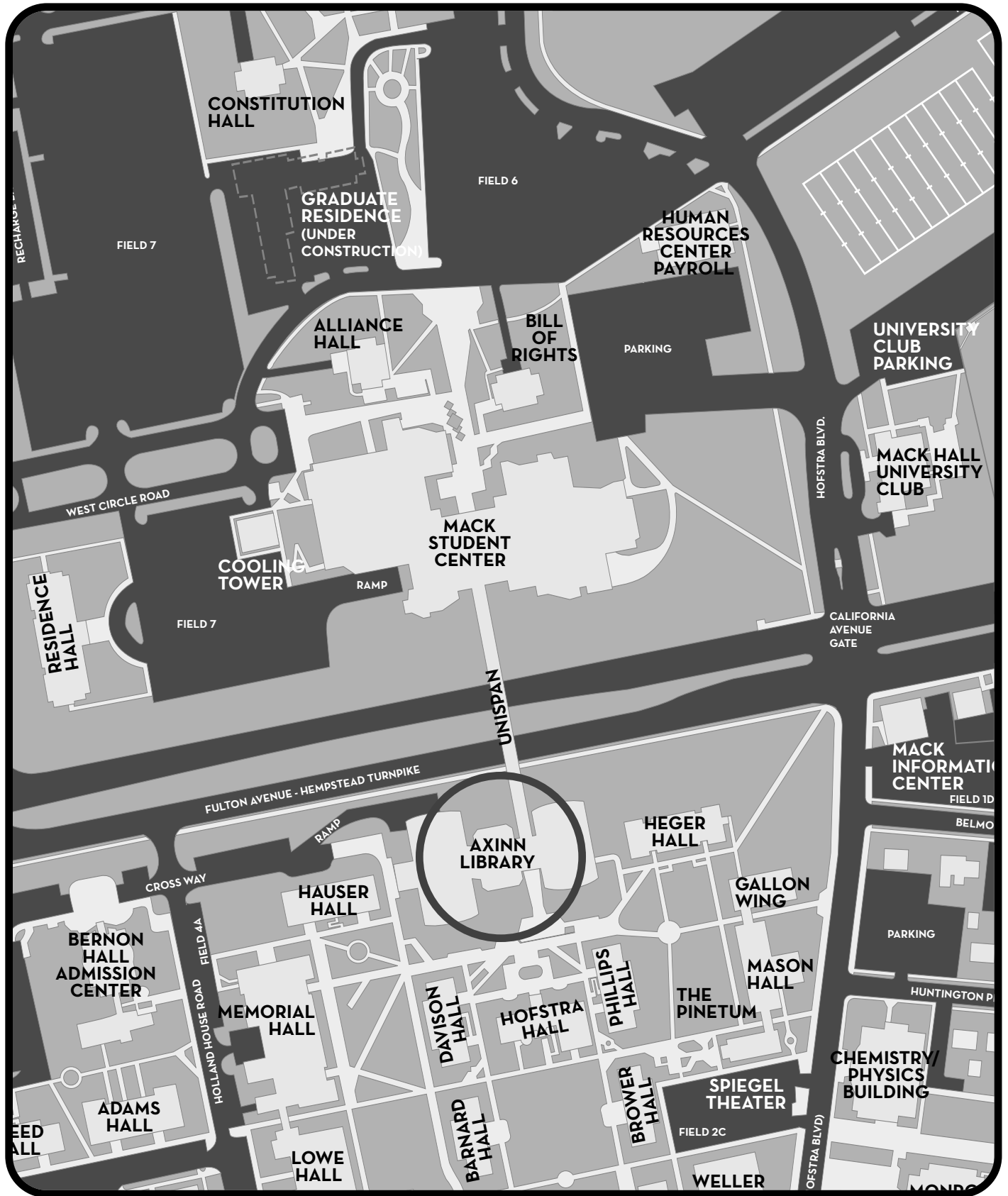
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NOTE: ALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL 6 P.M. ON DAY OF ARRIVAL UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THE FIRST NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT OR SECURED BY A MAJOR CREDIT CARD. RESERVATIONS MADE AFTER THE CUTOFF DATE WILL BE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AT A HIGHER ROOM RATE.

WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE PRIMO LEVI CONFERENCE AT HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY.

Scheduled transportation will be arranged between the Hofstra University campus and contracted hotels. Schedules will be available at the Conference Registration Desk as well as at the participating hotels.

*NOTE: Please be advised that there will be no shuttle service between the Red Roof Inn and the Hofstra University campus. Please visit the concierge desk for taxi service.



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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Mail or fax to:

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200 Hofstra University
Hempstead, NY 11549-2000
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Make checks payable to **Hofstra University Primo Levi Conference.**

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Returned Checks: A \$20 handling fee will be charged for returned checks.

CONFERENCE FEES

Registration	Fee	No. of Persons	Amount
Regular rate	\$75	[]	\$ _____
Senior citizen (65 and over) (include copy of Medicare card)	\$60	[]	\$ _____
Matriculated non-Hofstra student (include copy of current student ID)	\$35	[]	\$ _____
Luncheon (Thursday, April 26, 1 p.m.)	\$25	[]	\$ _____
Performance (Thursday, April 26, 8 p.m.): "But When We Started Singing ..."			
Tickets:			
General admission	\$16	[]	\$ _____
Senior citizen (over 65 with ID)	\$13	[]	\$ _____
Matriculated non-Hofstra student with ID	\$13	[]	\$ _____
Total			\$ _____



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