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Virtual Event: The Jewish Boxers Who Fought for their Lives before and after the Shoah

MAHWAH, N.J. – On November 10 at 7 p.m., the Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies will host Jeffrey Sussman who will discuss his new book, *Holocaust Fighters: Boxers, Resisters, and Avengers* that tells riveting stories of victims who fought back against the Nazis.

The virtual event is free and open to the public.

Registration to attend via Zoom is at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/x/the-jewish-boxers-who-fought-back-and-for-their-lives-tickets-160857241339>

The lives of five boxers who were forced to fight for their lives while imprisoned in concentration camps are explored in depth, followed by the stories of others who managed to escape captivity and reveal the truth about the death camps. Sussman also depicts in fascinating detail the acts of the Avengers, a military unit that hunted down and killed Nazi war criminals. The final portraits are of the prosecutors who brought the Nazi leaders to justice, those same leaders who watched Jewish and Gypsy boxers beat each other for their own personal entertainment. *Holocaust Fighters* is an incredible account of the many ways people resisted Nazi rule, providing moving portrayals of the resilience of the human spirit even in the face of incredible horrors.

Jeffrey Sussman is the author of 15 non-fiction books, including *Big Apple Gangsters: The Rise and Decline of the Mob in New York*; *Boxing and the Mob: The Notorious*

History of the Sweet Science; Rocky Graziano: Fists, Fame, and Fortune; and Max Baer and Barney Ross: Jewish Heroes of Boxing.

In addition to writing books, he is the president of Jeffrey Sussman Inc., a marketing public-relations firm, which represents authors, publishers, entrepreneurs, small businesses, and professionals.

For information or to request disability-related accommodations for this event, please contact holgen@ramapo.edu or call 201-684-7409.

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