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Present

## Unlikely Liberators

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Japanese Americans and the Liberation of Dachau

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Morning, April 29, 1945,

Dachau Concentration Camp ...

522nd Veteran Shiro Takeshira and Dachau survivor Solly Ganor

Introduction and Welcome

by Co-moderators Jan Yanehiro and Lani Silver

Invocation

by Rabbi Mark Schiftan

Historian and Photography Exhibit Curator Eric Saul

Shiro Takeshita and Solly Ganor share personal histories

Musical Interlude Flutist Miya Masaoke

Honoring the Memory . . .

Personal Histories and Recollections

Introduction by Emerald Yeh

F. R. Gilbert and Ann Gilbert Jim Kurata Dr. John Steiner George Oiye Paul Benko

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**INTERMISSION** 

Musical Interlude A cappella group Vocolat

**Proclamations and Honors Presented** 

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## Celebration . . .

Honoring

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Kiyoshi Okano introduces Captain Billy Taylor Ruth Asawa

Honoring our Parents-Perspectives from the Next Generation

Steven Okazaki, son of Toll Okazaki a soldier of the 522nd and Beverly Pinto, daughter of Erna Pinto a holocaust survivor

## Finale . . .

Liberators, Survivors and Speakers unite on stage to the music of Greater Faith Inspirational Choir

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Please join us for the Bagel & Sushi buffet in Guild Hall. Food for the reception generously donated by Akasaka Restaurant, Elka Restaurant, Cafe Mums and the many wonderful individuals who so graciously spent time in their own kitchens to add a personal touch to the reception with their delicious home cooking. Our most appreciative thanks to all of them. Music in Guild Hall by the Hasla/Robinson Big Band. Music in the Martin Meyer Reception Room by George Yamasaki Jazz Ensemble.

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