

## Public Program #USHMM #AskWhy

## Tuesday, May 14 7 p.m.

**CO-PRESENTED WITH** 

National Center for Civil and Human Rights 100 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard, NW Atlanta, Georgia

> This program is free and open to the public, but reservations are required at **ushmm.org/events/watching-atlanta**.

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# What Were We Watching?

AMERICANS' RESPONSES TO NAZISM THROUGH CINEMA, RADIO, AND MEDIA

**STORIES ABOUT WORLD WAR II AND THE PERSECUTION OF EUROPE'S JEWS** were portrayed in American movie theaters and living rooms throughout the 1930–40s. Award-winning films such as *Mrs. Miniver, The Great Dictator*, and *Casablanca* shaped Americans' understanding of the Nazi threat, while newsreels and radio programs offered a brief glimpse into world events and the range of opinions on the war effort. Join us to learn how Hollywood and leaders in entertainment and government battled for the hearts and minds of Americans.

### SPEAKERS

DANIEL GREENE, PhD

Historian and Curator, Americans and the Holocaust United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

DAVID WEINSTEIN, PhD Author, *The Eddie Cantor Story: A Jewish Life in Performance and Politics* Contributor, "Why Sarnoff Slept: NBC and the Holocaust"\*

#### MODERATOR

#### MICHÈLE TAYLOR

Alumni Member, United States Holocaust Memorial Council Board Member, National Center for Civil and Human Rights

\*Weinstein, David. 2007. "Why Sarnoff Slept: NBC and the Holocaust." In *NBC: America's Network*, edited by Michele Hilmes, 98-116. Berkeley: University of California Press.

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