

## City of Lewiston Press Release

**Members of the Media:** Below please find a press release/photo as to **Lewiston's National Days of Remembrance April 30<sup>th</sup> "brown bag lunch," with guest speaker Ernie Weiss, son of a Holocaust concentration camp survivor.** The event will be free/open to the public. Please help spread the word. Thanks, Dottie

### **PRESS RELEASE April 10, 2014**

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**LEWISTON:** Ernie Weiss, son of a Holocaust concentration camp survivor, will be the guest speaker at an April 30<sup>th</sup> **"brown bag lunch"** hosted by Mayor Robert E. Macdonald as part of **National Days of Remembrance Week** (April 27 – May 4, 2014). The event is scheduled for 12 noon in the Lewiston Council Chambers, 27 Pine Street on the first floor. The event is free and open to the public.

Weiss will be reading from his book, **"Out of Vienna: Eight Years of Flight from the Nazis,"** about his father's imprisonment in Dachau and his family's flight from the Nazis, with not all surviving.

Weiss was born in Vienna in 1931. When Hitler invaded Austria in 1938, his family fled to Yugoslavia and then to Cuba. Family members eventually obtained visas and were admitted to the United States in 1946. He attended Brookline High School near Boston, Boston University, and served two years in the United States Army. After a career in sales and marketing, he is now retired and living in Maine.

Also at the April 30<sup>th</sup> event, a brief remembrance 2014 theme video clip from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, **"Confronting the Holocaust: American Responses,"** will be shown. In addition, a time of questions and answers will occur so that attendees may interact with the guest speaker. FMI: 513-3000, X3205 or [dottie@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:dottie@lewistonmaine.gov)

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