

Holocaust Museum & Center for Tolerance and Education's

# Women's Circle Event

EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH UNITY AND PHILANTHROPY

**Thursday, September 30, 2021 | 7:00PM**

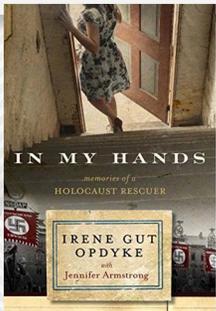
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In *My Hands Memories of a Holocaust rescuer*, from Random House, gives a detailed account of her life during WWII and is used in classrooms around the country.



Jeannie Smith is the daughter of Righteous among the Nations, Irene Gut Opdyke. She's also a wife, mother, and Grandmother of 5. Together with her husband Gary, they have raised, housed, fostered..., and sometimes endured over 60 children in their 30 years of married life!

Before sharing her mother's story all over the US, Canada, and Europe, Jeannie owned and ran a horse boarding stable while providing housing and work for troubled high school and college-age youth. A happy, content introvert, Jeannie had no thought of EVER doing public speaking.

When the task of continuing her mother's story fell to her, Irene's only child, she adamantly turned it down

until she couldn't - realizing the message was too important to let go.

Most people might take a public speaking class, but Jeannie learned to overcome her fears while standing on a Broadway stage for 17 months. She was responsible for doing three hundred fifty-six "talkbacks" after each performance of "Irene's Vow," the Broadway play about her mother's life. The only person on stage who didn't have a script to follow!

Jeannie and her husband run a non-profit lodge in a ridiculously remote area of S.E. Alaska, where they serve wounded Vets and their families. During the summer months, guests come to fish, relax, and watch the wildlife while staying clear of

neighboring Bears.

Sharing the story of her mother's life over the past 18 years has become one of Jeannie's life's passions, a calling she views as a great honor and a privilege.

Face your fears; you never know how great it can be on the other side!

