

AMPHRC CONTRIBUTES TO LATEST HOLOCAUST MUSEUM EXHIBIT

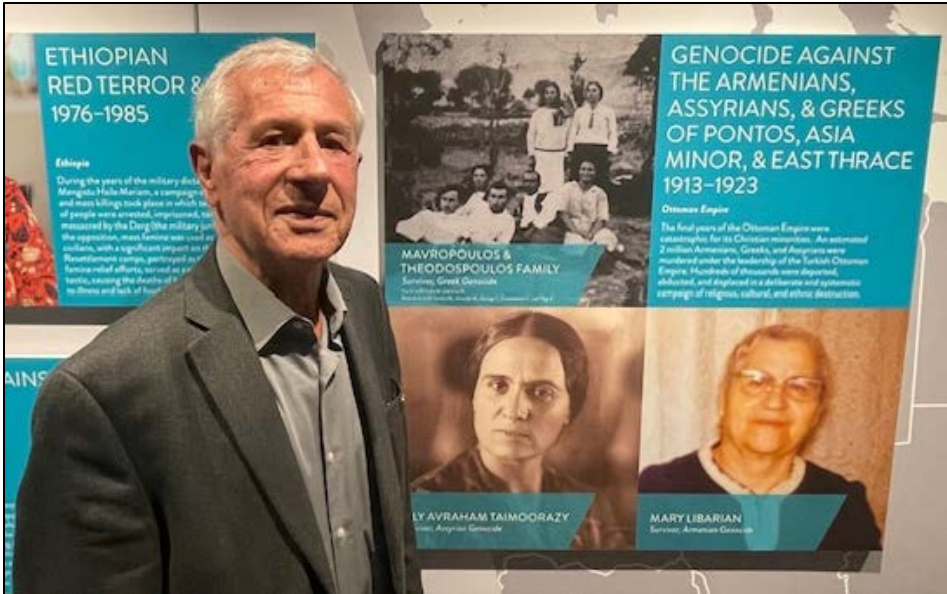
Chicago/Skokie, May 1, 2024 - The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center's new groundbreaking [Spagat Family Voices of Genocide Exhibition](#) explores how and why genocide continues to occur across geography and time.

The opening night program on May 1st, included survivors and descendants of genocides in Guatemala, Rwanda, Burma and Armenia. During his presentation, Mark Akgulian recalled how his Armenian grandparents managed to survive Turkish atrocities.

Similar stories of heroic survival were recounted by Irma Alicia Velasquez a Maya Kich'e' survivor of the Guatemala genocide, Kizito Kalima, Tutsi survivor of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda; and Amina, Rohingya survivor of the ongoing genocide in Burma. Their stories are part of a first-of-its-kind exhibition that seeks to expand awareness and activism against the conditions that foster genocidal atrocities. Recognizing these factors helps determine efforts toward intervention and prevention. The well-attended event was moderated by the museum's Senior Vice President of Education and Exhibitions, Kelley Szany. The *Spagat Family Voices of Genocide Exhibition* also features several



From left - Native American Princess, Mark Akgulian, Irma Alicia Velasquez, Amina, and Kizito Kalima



stories of the genocide of the Greeks, including atrocities that claimed the lives of George Mavropoulos' family members (photo above of survivors) as well as family members of AMPHRC board member Maria Ioannidou Davis (photo right).

The [Spagat Family Voices of Genocide Exhibition](#) at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center is also open to group tours.

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