



NATIONAL HELLENIC SOCIETY

“There is Neither Greek Nor Jew”: The Heroic Duo Who Saved an Entire Island From the Holocaust

A Reception in Honor of Loukas Karrer & Dimitrios Chrysostomos for International Holocaust
Remembrance Day

January 25th, 2022, at 11:00 AM ET / 6:00 PM Athens

In honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day and in celebration of these incredible community leaders and the 43rd anniversary of their Righteous Among the Nations designation, the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) will host a virtual reception honoring Loukas Karrer and Dimitrios Chrysostomos. During the Greek Presidency of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), this educational event will highlight the history of Hellenic-Jewish relations and the importance of strengthening those bonds in facing antisemitism. During the Greek IHRA presidency, recognizing past leaders who confronted antisemitism in its most extreme form will help inspire a new generation of civic and religious leaders to similarly confront antisemitism and other forms of hate.

Draft Program (90 Minutes Total):

- **Historical video (3 Minutes)**
 - About Loukas Karrer & Dimitrios Chrysostomos and how they saved Zakynthos' Jews
- **Dan Mariaschin, CEO of B'nai Brith International (7 Minutes)**
 - To speak about the importance of learning from the past and educating future generations about the Righteous Among the Nations
- **Dr. Joel Zisenwine, Head of the Righteous Among the Nations Department at Yad Vashem (10 Minutes)**
 - To speak about the Righteous Among the Nations program at Yad Vashem
- **Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos, Museum Director of Kehila Kedosha Janina (5 Minutes)**
 - To present the work of the museum and introduce the Descendants
- **Mimica Tsezana Hyman, Descendant of a saved Jewish community member from Zakynthos (5 Minutes)**
 - To discuss her personal family history and connection to Zakynthos
- **Benjamin Albalas, Chairman of the European March of the Living (5 Minutes)**
 - To speak about his insights and experiences from the Holocaust and his work at EMOTL in preserving Holocaust memory for future generations
- **Moses Elisaf, Mayor of Ioannina (7 minutes)**
 - To speak about the Romaniote community and the legacy of the Righteous in Greece
- **Dr. Leon Saltiel, Historian and Member of the Greek IHRA Delegation (7 Minutes)**
 - Modern life of the Jewish community in Greece and its connection to the past

Keynote Address:

- **Ambassador Chris J. Lazaris, Chair of the Greek IHRA Presidency (10 Minutes)**

Celebrating the Hellenic-Jewish Relationship Today:

- **Her Excellency Alexandra Papadopoulou, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to the US (10 Minutes)**
 - To speak about the importance of the diplomatic relationship between Greece and the United States and the collective fight against antisemitism today
- **Zach Saar, Deputy Chief of the Israeli Diplomatic Mission to the Hellenic Republic (10 Minutes)**
 - To discuss the legacy of Karrer and Chrysostomos in today's fight against antisemitism and the emerging alliance in cooperation between the nations of Greece and Israel
- **Dr. Ekaterini Malliou, Vice President of Hellenic American Women's Council (5 Minutes)**
 - To speak about the Council's advancement of Greek women and women's role in helping save Jews during the Holocaust
- **U.S. Congressman Gus Bilirakis, Member of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues (7 Minutes)**
 - To speak about the importance of the Greek-Jewish relationship in the US