

2020 Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance Program



Keynote Speaker is

Ida Paluch Kersz

*Ida survived the Sosnowiec ghetto
and found shelter with a Polish
Catholic family.*



Sunday, April 19, 2020, 6:30 PM
Tri-City Jewish Center, 2715 30th Street Rock Island
This program is Free and Open to the Public.
For more information, call (309) 793-1300.

Presented By:

- Yom Hashoah Committee of the Quad Cities
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About Ida Paluch Kerszw

Ida Paluch Kersz was born May 1939, in Sosnowiec, Poland. Soon after the German invasion, Ida, her mother, her twin brother, and her older sister were put into the Sosnowiec ghetto. When she was three years old, her mother committed suicide, while her father was fighting as a Polish soldier against the Germans. Like many Jewish children in Poland, Ida was sheltered by a Catholic family. After the war, Ida's father found her, and she stayed with him until 1957 in Wroclaw, Poland, where she attended a Jewish school, Shalom Alejchem. In spring 1957, Ida immigrated with her father to Israel and went to a Kibbutz, where she worked and studied Hebrew. She was married in Israel, and her daughter Ester was born there. Ida and her family came to Chicago in 1963, and she has volunteered at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center for over 25 years.