

The Wolfe Institute

*The Department of Judaic Studies,
in cooperation with The Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities,
the Departments of History, Film, and Philosophy,
present*

Kristallnacht Memorial Lecture

Weapons of the Spirit



November 9 is the anniversary of the notorious Kristallnacht in 1938, when every synagogue in Germany was burned, blown up, or otherwise desecrated, while thousands of Jewish businesses and homes were looted and robbed, and 30,000 Jewish teenagers and adults were seized and put into concentration camps. Moreover, hundreds of Jewish women and girls were subjected to sexual assault, torture and rape, in a bacchanalia of anti-Semitic brutality that foreshadowed the annihilation of millions of Europe's Jews during the Second World War.

“Weapons of the Spirit” is an award-winning documentary film by Pierre Sauvage who personally explores the remarkable example of humanity confronting barbarism, in the small French village where he was born, a child of Jewish refugees. The hardworking common people of the village of Le Chambon sur Lignon undertook a collective mission: to help desperate Jewish refugees. The largely Protestant Huguenot villagers took in thousands Jewish children, women and men, despite Nazi German and Vichy French threats of retaliation. What moved the good men and women of Le Chambon to risk their own families when confronted by evil incarnate? Does Le Chambon provide a relevant moral example for our own troubled world?

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12:30 to 2 p.m.

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Brooklyn College Library**

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