Mr. Seymour Kaplan ’76
Eyewitness at Dachau

Seymour Kaplan, ‘76 was 17 years old when he left high school to enlist in military service during World War II. He was a machine gunner with the 692 Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to the 42nd Infantry Division. The conclusion of the war brought him to Dachau concentration camp, where at age 19, he served as a Yiddish interpreter. As such, Mr. Kaplan is one of the last living eyewitnesses to the realities of the Holocaust. After his discharge, Seymour returned home to start his own garment manufacturing company and attended evening classes at Brooklyn College, earning his BA, magna cum laude. Upon retirement from the garment industry he began a second career as a New York City Public Schools teacher. Mr. Kaplan’s lifelong mission has been to share firsthand details about his experiences at Dachau and he has spoken to numerous schools and organizations over the years. He is active with the National Alliance on Mental Illness and has been honored by NAMI, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, New York State Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein, New York City Councilman Lew Fidler, New York City Department of the Aging, and the Brooklyn College Alumni Association.

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10 to 11:30 a.m.
Occidental Lounge, 5th Floor
Brooklyn College Student Center
Campus Road and East 27th Street
Refreshments will be served

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