

# The Department of Modern & Classical Languages at the University of Houston

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## Chaja Verveer

**a lecture presentation by a child survivor of the Holocaust**

**Thursday, April 30, 2009**

**Room 219 Farish Hall**

**2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

Verveer, born in the Netherlands in 1941, went into hiding with her family when she was only one year old. When the non-Jewish family hiding her was betrayed to the Nazis in 1944, she was sent to the Westerbork transit camp (Holland). From there, she was transported with other children on a grueling rail journey to the concentration camp at Bergen Belsen (Germany). Three months later, these children were relocated to the ghetto and transit camp of Theresienstadt (Czechoslovakia).

Verveer was liberated in May 1945 and subsequently reunited with her mother and three brothers. Her father had been executed in 1944 for his activities with the Resistance. Today, Verveer is a business consultant in Houston, where she has lived for over three decades. She also serves on the board of the Holocaust Museum Houston.

Verveer will be speaking in association with this semester's course on "Writing Holocausts," taught by Dr. David Brenner. This class, offered annually by faculty in the German Program of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, examines the question of how the Holocaust has been represented in literature, cinema, historiography, and art.

**ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.** For further information, please contact Dr. Brenner at [dabrenner@uh.edu](mailto:dabrenner@uh.edu).

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