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Tell me and I forget.  
Teach me and I  
remember.  
Involve me and I  
learn.

- Chinese Proverb



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Wed. April 3  
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# Events

# Description & Bio

**9:00-9:30AM**

ARRIVAL & WELCOME

**9:30-10:30AM**

LEVEL UP

*Ensemble Theater Class, BSC  
Theater Department & AFP*

**10:30-11:45AM**

LESSONS OF THE HOLOCAUST

*Sophia Veffler and Drew Kahn*

**11:45 - 12:15pm**

LUNCH!

*It's on us!*

**12:15 - 1:00PM**

INQUIRE WITHIN

*Michele Costa, theatreFigüren*

**1:00PM**

DEPARTURE

## LEVEL UP

After a family tragedy, the oldest sibling, Charlie, must take on the new role of a parent while balancing a hectic work schedule. Meanwhile, the younger sibling, Perry, escapes into video games to deal with their loss, stress and grief. Fueled by their fierce independence both stubbornly refuse to need each other, until one day they are magically thrust into the video gaming world where they must decide to work together or perish. Will Charlie and Perry become warriors? Will they become a family again? *The post-performance workshop is an example of the Story-Based Learning curriculum AFP offers throughout the year in school residencies and professional development sessions for local educators.*

## Lessons of the Holocaust, Sophia Veffler

Witness the amazing, personal stories of Sophia Veffler, Holocaust survivor and AFP board member. Sophia went to school with Anne Frank in Amsterdam, and will share her emotional journey as a young Jewish Dutch girl who miraculously survived Hitler's concentration camps. Sophia will remind attendees how the power of traumatic stories can connect us in an increasingly divisive world. Followed by a Q&A and story-building workshop.

## INQUIRE WITHIN

*theatreFigüren* has compiled a trio of short works from a repertoire of many years. With masks, puppets, paintings, and a trike, these personal stories address the quietly powerful voice in each of us. As we seek to repair the world, we'll begin by looking within ourselves. And then, when we share what is deep within our own bones, the healing can begin!

**Michele Costa** - *theatreFiguren* has been creating and performing original productions since 1990. Puppetry, mask and mime, moving painted imagery, poetry and music combine to create stories that are original, inspiring and thought-provoking. *theatreFiguren* has performed in schools, museums, galleries and libraries throughout Western New York and beyond. Some favorite gigs have been at The Chautauqua Institute, The Joseph Campbell Festival in New Hampshire, The Lancaster Opera House and for the Anne Frank Project. Michele Costa is also a professional scenic artist, costume designer and "maker of unusual things." She has designed and built puppets and masks for Studio Arena Theatre, Shakespeare in Delaware Park, Jewish Repertory Theatre, The New Phoenix Theatre and The Neglia Ballet.

**Ensemble Theater (THA 470)** - A class developed in partnership between BSC's Theater Department and the Anne Frank Project. Ensemble Theatre students create AFP's original plays.

**Sophia Veffler** lived in Amsterdam, Holland during the Holocaust. She came to the United States in 1954 and settled in Buffalo. Now a retired Special Education teacher, Sophia is a past President of the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo and is presently on the Executive Board of the Holocaust Resource Center. She was the President of the Women of Studio Arena Theatre. Currently, Sophia is on the Advisory Committee of the Jewish Repertory Theatre of Western New York.