



HOLOCAUST TO HAVEN TO NEW HOME

A LIFELONG JOURNEY

THE SAFE HAVEN MUSEUM and EDUCATION CENTER

 The museum commemorates the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter, its 982 refugee residents, and the good people of Oswego who helped and cared for them. The interactive exhibits present a first person view of the experiences of the refugees from Europe during the rise of Nazism, the voyage to Oswego, life in the shelter, and finally their post-refugee lives in the U.S. The museum also features a resource center & library.

Refugees checking in to the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter. The refugees were housed in unused military barracks that once stood on the bluff northeast of the fort.



A long journey from Europe was only the beginning for 982 Holocaust refugees. Though committed to return after the war was over, most fought to stay and become U.S. citizens. From Oswego they relocated across the country, they pursued successful careers, and made many important contributions to all sectors of society.

THEY WENT ON TO BECOME...



July/August 1944. 982 refugees cross the Atlantic aboard a U.S. military transport ship and are taken by train to Oswego.



An Engineer who worked on the Polaris and Minuteman Missiles.



A Doctor who helped Develop CAT Scan and MRI Technologies.



A Composer of Orchestral and Chamber Music.



A Prominent Lawyer and Well-Known Politician who led the Liberal Party in New York.



Others became productive working-class members of American society.



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