

HOLOCAUST PRESENTATIONS

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WHC Prime Timers

"Holocaust in Southern Europe" at Luncheon Forum



Dr. Maria Lombardo, Education Director, National Italian-American Foundation, will be the guest speaker at the WHC Prime Timers luncheon forum on Monday, May 20, 12:30 p.m., in Ring Hall. Dr. Lombardo will discuss "Holocaust in Southern Europe". She will be introduced by Ruth Blond, Vice President for Programming, WHC Prime Timers. A social hour in the Kreeger Lobby will precede the luncheon.

Dr. Lombardo holds a Master's Degree from Northeastern University and a Ph.D. from Boston University. Her father was a young soldier during World War II, who became disillusioned, and joined the partisan army. He was discovered and imprisoned in a concentration camp in Yugoslavia.

To make your reservation, please mail a check, payable to WHC Prime Timers, to Ruth Merber, Co-Treasurer, 7536 Sebago Road, Bethesda, MD 20817. The luncheon costs are \$6 for Temple members, who are also dues-paying members of WHC Prime Timers; \$7 for non-Temple members of WHC Prime Timers, and \$8 for guests.

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As a part of the WHC Prime Timers lunch series, Dr. Lombardo presented on the Holocaust in Southern Europe at Washington Hebrew Congregation in Bethesda, Md. >>

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Dr. Lombardo participated in an international conference on the Rescue and Resistance in WWII at Boston College. >>


Dr. Lombardo joined keynote speaker Abraham Foxman, Director of the Anti-Defamation League at a two-day program that included presentations by survivors of Lithuania and Poland, historians and leaders from local Boston and Connecticut community organizations, as well as musicians who performed songs from the Holocaust period. Researchers also presented the cruelty of Nazi doctors as they experimented on camp prisoners in the name of medical advancement.

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Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, by Nathan Rapoport



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A presentation in Calabria, Italy about the Ferramonti Di Tarsia Internment Camp . >>

Back in 1986, Dr. Lombardo invited Simona Celiberti to present the history of the holding camp of Ferramonti Tarsia in Calabria, Italy. The camp as described by Celiberti was established by Mussolini in response to Hitler's request that Jews be rounded up into camps. The Italian camps allowed Jews to maintain religious traditions, operate schools and participate in recreational activities. It was only after 1943, with the German takeover of Italy that numerous Jews were taken from these holding camps to death camps in Germany.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Presentation of "The Righteous Enemy" screening at Hunter College School of Social Work. >>

Dr. Maria Lombardo presented an overview of the Holocaust in Southern Europe Conferences presented nationally, where she introduced Joseph Ochlitz, who related the rescue of Jews from Yugoslavia by the Italian Army as seen in his film, "The Righteous Enemy." The event was funded by The National Organization of Italian American Women (NOIAW).



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At a presentation at the Harvard University Club of Boston, Dr. Lombardo spoke about Italy's role in the Holocaust. >>

Dr. Maria Lombardo helped clarify the Calabria Connection at an event funded by the Italian Center for New York City's Boston office. The event was a part of a series about Italy's involvement in the Holocaust.

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The event held at Casa Italiana in New York City was funded by Baronessa Mariuccia Zerilli-Marimo and the National Organization of American Women (NOIAW). >>

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT BENIGNI

Presented in conjunction with FIERI at the University of Chicgo in Illinois. >>

This conference organized by the Italian American youth group FIERI at the University of Chicago was attended by a vast audience of college students interested in learning more about Italy's role in the Holocaust. Survivor Daisy Miller from Stephen Spielberg's Survivors of the Shoa Foundation and Dr. Maria Lombardo related their stories of Italy during WWII to the college students. The event was recorded and posted online.

The Holocaust in Southern Europe

Members and friends filled the seats at Casa Italiana in NYC to capacity on September 13th to hear Dr. Maria Lombardo as she shared the touching and poignant story of her father's experience during WWII. Dr. Lombardo recounted the journey of Salvatore Lombardo, an Italian survivor of a Nazi labor camp in Croatia, and the aftereffects of a man with a broken soul.

Though physically surviving the camp with but one other Italian soldier, the internment camp weighed heavy on his psyche for the rest of his life. It was not until her father was dying that Maria happened upon a box of old letters tucked away in an attic and discovered the secrets and pain that Salvatore Lombardo carried with him for all his grown years.



Dr. Maria Lombardo Author of *A Camp Without Walls*

While Dr. Lombardo's historical account of Italy's role during WWII highlighted the magnanimous efforts made by Italians involved in rescuing Jews from Nazi oppression, it was her recounting of personal stories growing up in Italy after the war and the basis for her book, *A Camp Without Walls*, that was so touching. She shared stories of her father, the young Italian soldier in aeronautics captured for his role as an International Resistance soldier, and her memories of his sometimes prickly character, mood swings, and horrific nightmares, elements of his character she never fully understood while growing up. Maria's account spoke to "the core of Salvatore's story... that of many Holocaust survi-

Chicago Tribune

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Voice of the people

The beautiful courage of the Italians

CHICAGO—Italian actor and director Roberto Benigni's unabashed joy in winning two Oscars at the March 21 Academy Awards broadcast brought smiles to millions of viewers. To his fellow Italians across the globe, he they in Europe, Australia or North and South America, Benigni's triumph is especially sweet. Benigni, in his exuberance and creativity, is the perfect ambassador for Italian culture. Yet he is also a hero for bringing an important, neglected subject to the world's attention: the Holocaust experience in Italy.

It's impossible to think back on that horrid chapter of human history without shuddering, a time when, in the words of the Italian-Jewish poet Primo Levi, "iron feet pounded at our doors." Yet, incredibly, a small, powerful ray of humanity did pierce the gloom: Nearly 80 percent of both native-born and foreign Jews in Italy were saved from the Nazi gas chambers, thanks to the heroic efforts of the Italian people.

It's an amazing story—all the more remarkable considering that Italy's leader at the time, Benito Mussolini, was technically allied with Hitler's Germany, even passing anti-Jewish laws in 1938 to appease the ravenous, power-mad dictator.

Once news spread about Hitler's Final Solution, however, the moral fiber of the Italian people quickly asserted itself. Individually and collectively, whether high-ranking government officials or simple passersby, Italians went all-out to protect innocent people from certain death. "Business refused to deport Jews, period."

writes historian Dorothy Rabinowitz. "[The army] schemed, they plotted, they resorted to the wildest of stratagems and delaying tactics—including the invention of the most wonderfully complicated 'omnibus-taking' known to man—to ensure that no Jews under their governance fell into German hands. Not for nothing does the history of these plots sometimes read like farce."

Even after Rome fell in 1943, Italians proved themselves as courageous as their ancient forefathers. Some exhibited this courage in an official capacity—Giorgio Perasso, for example, a most-brave for the Italian army who diagnosed himself as a Spanish diplomat in Hungary, granting thousands of Jews false, but life-saving, citizenship papers. Others who exhibited courage, blending runaway Jews into their own families or hiding them in secret places, were plain ordinary folk: shopkeepers, religious, farmers—all united in a private war against a very public evil.

In "Life is Beautiful," Benigni's character, like the great clown Chaplin, puts on a happy face, hiding the pain inside of him. Yet playing the fool doesn't necessarily make you one. Largeness of spirit can be a potent weapon against cruelty—something the Italian people demonstrated so magnificently during World War II. Compassion, like life itself, is also beautiful.

Bill Dal Cerro

INAUGURAL GINETTA SAGAN AWARD

Dr. Lombardo helped coordinate the efforts to present Sagan with a humanitarian award for her work. >>

In conjunction with the Italian Embassy, Ginetta Sagan was recognized by President Clinton for her bravery as a resistance fighter during WWII in Torino, Italy. She was captured and tortured by the Fascists, but eventually she escaped. In coming to America, Sagan worked tirelessly with Amnesty International, USA to support the oppressed of society particularly women all over the world. Dr. Maria Lombardo invited Sagan to speak at various Holocaust conferences that she organized around the country.

Federal Holocaust Conference Targets Italy's Wartime Heroism

By Frank D. Stella
The courageous acts of Italian military officers, soldiers, and ordinary people, who rescued Jews from Nazi persecution during World War II, were described during a major conference on the Holocaust sponsored by 18 federal agencies with assistance from the National Italian American Foundation April

and Amnesty International's Ginetta Sagan, who was an Italian Resistance fighter during the war.

Opening remarks were given by Daniel Glickman, U.S. secretary of agriculture. Dr. Maria Lombardo, NIAF education director, provided an historical overview of the Holocaust in Southern Europe.

in fact, report that Italian military officers and enlisted men snatched them almost from the hands of the approaching Germans, dressed them in Italian military uniforms, put them on Italian army trains and took them to Italy where they were hidden.

Conference participants noted that the Jews had been in Italy for more than 2,000 years and were well-integrated into Italian society. Even in periods when they were forced to live in ghettos, Italian Jews participated in business and social relationships with Italian Christians. These close ties were largely responsible for the Italians' willingness to risk their own lives to save their Jewish neighbors.

As a result, Italians managed to rescue 80 percent or 47,000 of the Jews who were living in Italy or who had fled there from the Nazis. Approximately 80 percent of the Jews in the rest of Europe perished.

Eighteen federal agencies participated in the Holocaust Remembrance Conference, the fifth such



(L-R) Dr. Maria Lombardo, NIAF director of education; Ginetta Sagan, honorary chairman of Amnesty International; and Andrea Roave, co-anchor of channel 9 Eyewitness News in Washington, DC.

21 in Washington, DC. The conference also featured a photo exhibit of Rome's Jewish Ghetto, courtesy of ITALY ITALY Magazine.

The agencies had requested NIAF assistance with the conference, "The Holocaust in Southern

A highlight of the program was a two-part exhibit, which began with a photo display of Rome's Jewish Ghetto, provided by ITALY ITALY magazine. It was followed by an exhibit of artwork done by students at a local high

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In conjunction with the Colonial Historical Foundation and the National Italian American Foundation, Dr. Lombardo served as the keynote speaker at an event in Williamsburg, Va.. >>

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NIAF NEWS

The "Gruppo Teatrale I Protagonisti" cordially invites you to the Musical on the life of St. Francis of Assisi.

The Power of Faith
Several Saint Charles 10th St. & Park Road, NW Washington, D.C. February 17, 1988 2:00pm and 7:00pm

The Los Angeles Italian Community

Choice Vita Magazine and NIAF award a fully-paid Fashion Design scholarship at Istituto Italiano di Cultura

The National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) Awards Scholarships to Area Residents

Maria Lombardo-Trifiletti Joins Columbus Fellowship Foundation

The Los Angeles Italian Community

The National Italian American Foundation awards scholarships to 9 California residents

Daphne Savoie Fazzi's passing mourned by family and friends

ITALIAN LIBERATION DAY PRESENTATION

In conjunction with the Italian Embassy and the Italian Cultural Society, Dr. Lombardo shared her research about Italy's role in the Holocaust and awarded two students from Our Lady of Mercy School in Potomac, Md. with awards for their personal essays on their personal heroes. >>



VISIT TO VILLA EMMA

Dr. Lombardo met with the Jewish survivors 50 years after they were rescued by an Italian priest. >>

Villa Emma situated in the town of Nonantola, Italy became the home of 109 Jewish orphans from Germany, who were brought to Italy by DELASEM (Delegazione Assistenza Emigrati Ebrei) via Yugoslavia. They were sheltered by Father Arrigo Beccari and his fellow citizens of Nonantola.

On the 50th anniversary of their eventual escape to Switzerland, the surviving Jewish children of Nonantola united as adults to mark the occasion. Amongst the attendees was survivor Tilla Offenberger, an artist who lives in Haifa, Israel. She has made it her life's work to have Father Arrigo Beccari and the people of Nonantola become memorialized.

Dr. Lombardo visited Villa Emma and had discussions about Jewish tours to Nonantola with the survivors. She also invited then current mayor, Stefano Vaccari, to participate in the Holocaust conference sponsored by 18 U.S. Federal Agencies in Washington, D.C.



RAUL WALLENBERG AWARD RECIPIENT

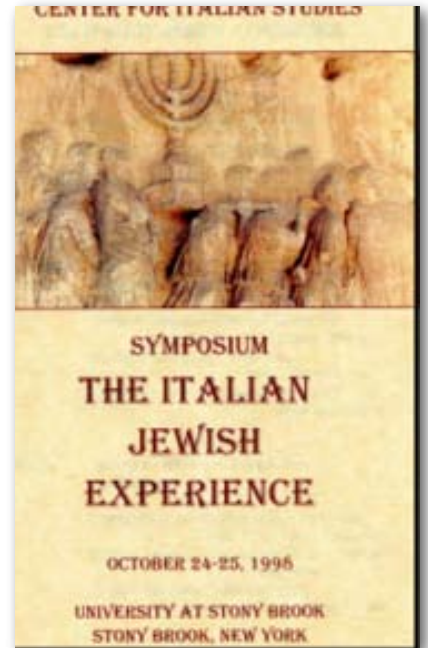
On behalf of the National Italian American Foundation, the Milford Jewish Center of New Jersey presented Dr. Lombardo with the Raul Wallenberg Award for she and the organization's contributions through nationwide conferences on the Holocaust in Southern Europe. >>

ITALIAN-JEWISH EXPERIENCE SYMPOSIUM

Dr. Lombardo participated in a day long symposium at Stony Brook University in New York >>



Symposium explores Italian-Jewish experience
4-5-94
Scholars from across the country and around the world will gather at the State University at Stony Brook on Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25 for a symposium on The Jewish Experience in Italy. Speakers will focus on Jewish life in Italy from the earliest times to the present. The symposium is cosponsored by the university's Center for Italian Studies, the National Italian American Foundation, the Order of the Sons of Italy in America and Unico, includes a photo exhibit, a film and numerous seminars. Except for a Sunday luncheon, all sessions are free and open to the public. There is a \$15 fee for the optional luncheon, for which reservations are required. To reserve a seat or for information, call 632-7444.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT COURAGE ITALIA AWARD

Dr. Lombardo served as the keynote speaker for the event held in Rochester, New York. >>


An audience of more than 650 guests gathered for an evening to honor Holocaust survivors as well as rescuers, including Mussolini's bodyguard. Survivors described their experiences in Italy, providing the audience with insight into their fears, strengths and loyalty to humanity. Dr. Maria Lombardo served as the event's keynote speaker. Frank Oliveri of Courage Italia and Barbara Applebaum of the Jewish Federation of Rochester were the event's chairs.



RESCUERS IN ITALY PRESENTATION

In conjunction with -Religious Teachers Filippini and Temple B'Nai Or a film screening and presentation was held at Villa Walsh in Morristown, New Jersey. >>

Holocaust "Rescuers in Italy" Day



Premiere Showing

A DEBT TO HONOR

Narrated By Alan Alda,
the film chronicles
ordinary people whose extraordinary acts of courage
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May 23, 1995
Ninetta Hall Auditorium
Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ

The event was organized to honor rescuers of Jews in Italy during WWII. Sister Margherita Marchione presented her book "Yours is a Precious Witness," an account of the Catholic church's role in the rescue of Jews in Italy.

Dr. Maria Lombardo spoke about the rescue of Jews in Italy and Italian occupied territories. Sy Rotter of Documentaries International presented the film "A Debt to Honor." A proclamation was made by Governor Christine Todd Whitman to commemorate the occasion by naming it "Rescuers in Italy Day."



'Rescuers in Italy' Day Slated for May 23rd

MORRISTOWN, NJ — In honor of Holocaust "Rescuers in Italy" Day on Tuesday, May 23rd — by gubernatorial proclamation — community groups, synagogues and church congregants, and the general public are invited to an unusual ceremonial program and reception at picturesque Villa Walsh (Tower Hill) in Morristown.

At 1 P.M., the premiere showing of *A DEBT TO HONOR* takes place. This documentary film, narrated by Alan Alda, chronicles the assistance of ordinary people who became extraordinary through their individual acts of courage that saved 80% of Italy's Jewish population from the horrors of the Holocaust. There will be a repeat showing at 7:30 P.M.

After the presentation, there will be a panel discussion. Speakers are: Shirley Horner, Columnist, New York Times; Robert Coombs, President, National Partnership for Social Enterprise; Stefano Ronca, Press Counselor, Italian Embassy, Washington, DC; Maria Lombardo, Director, Holocaust in Southern Europe; and Sister Margherita Marchione, Professor Emerita, Fairleigh Dickinson University. The reception will take place after the panel discussion.

Co-sponsors of the program with the Religious Teachers Filippini, Villa Walsh, Morristown, are the Italian Embassy, the United Jewish Federation of Metrowest, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Italian American Foundation and Temple B'nai Or, Morristown, New Jersey.

A DEBT TO HONOR, according to Sister Margherita Marchione, is the fifth documentary on the rescue of Jews during the Holocaust undertaken by Sy Rotter of the Documentaries International of Washington, DC. "These videos," Sister Margherita said, "poetry true here and heroines and reveal the value of individual acts of moral courage." Ms. Rotter wrote, directed and produced *A DEBT TO HONOR*.

The Italian State Broadcasting network, R.A.I., co-sponsored the making of this film in Italy. It documents the actions of Italians who put their own lives in danger to save their Jewish countrymen. Plain-spoken men and women, many of them priests and nuns, for the first time tell of their roles in saving the lives of Italian Jews, acting without hesitation and without regard for the

personal risk they were taking. Bishop Frank J. Rodimer of the Paterson Diocese, Rabbi Donald Rossoff, Temple B'nai Or, Morristown, NJ, and Governor Christine Todd Whitman have been invited.

The Villa Walsh Academy Ensemble will present musical selections under the direction of Mrs. Sandra Fields, Director.

The reception of Holocaust "Rescuers in Italy" Day is sponsored by the Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Or.

For information, contact Sister Margherita Marchione, Villa Walsh, 455 Western Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960, Tel. 201-338-2886 or FAX 201-539-9327.

DID YOU KNOW the "Stratagem" was one of the first Roman books on military tactics? It was written by Sextus Julius Frontinus, Provincial Governor of Britain around 75 A.D.

DID YOU KNOW it was the Roman general and politician Cassius that instigated the plot against Julius Caesar and persuaded reluctant Brutus to join the conspiracy?

Congressional Record

HOLOCAUST "RESCUERS IN ITALY" DAY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 1995

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend all of those involved in the Holocaust Rescuers in Italy Day to be held at the Villa Walsh Academy in Morristown on this coming Tuesday, May 23. This ceremony marks the extraordinary courage exhibited by ordinary people during the Second World War.

During the autumn of 1943, Italian Jews were in imminent danger of being captured by Nazi troops. In order to try and take them from the horrific fate of the Nazi death camps, Pope Pius XII sent word that the Roman Catholic religious orders should provide sanctuary to persecuted Jews by welcoming them into their monasteries and convents. Eighty percent of Italy's Jewish population survived the Holocaust because of their efforts. This took countless individual acts of courage by Italian Catholics who risked a similar fate if discovered by Nazi storm-troopers.

"A Debt to Honor," a documentary film narrated by New Jersey resident Alan Alda and produced by Documentaries International president Sy Rotter, shows how these acts of heroism occurred when individuals, faced with extraordinary fear and adversity, simply did what was right. This film is a welcome reminder of what we are all capable of as human beings and that heroism and moral courage are not forgotten character traits.

Sister Margherita Marchione, a member of the Religious Teachers Filippini, one of the Catholic orders involved in helping the Jews of Rome, assisted Rotter in collecting the memories of Italy's Jewish rescuers such as Carlo Costantini. According to Costantini, who was hidden in one of the Vatican buildings while his wife was provided sanctuary in a nearby convent.

"Thousands of Roman Jews would have been captured by Nazi troops on October 16, 1943, had it not been for the grateful policies of the Vatican. Without a doubt, it helped avoid more disasters."

Sister Margherita has opened the doors of Villa Walsh to numerous Jewish and Italian organizations including the United Jewish Federation of Metrowest, the Italian Embassy, the National Italian American Foundation, the Anti-Defamation League, Unico National, Order Sons of Italy in America, and the Temple B'nai Or of Morristown, who along with the National Endowment for the Humanities are sponsoring the event.

I am proud to have "A Debt to Honor," filmed in Italy with the help of the Italian State Broadcasting Network, set in my congressional district. Holocaust Rescuers in Italy Day helps to remind each of us that there are things in life larger than ourselves, things worth sacrificing for—things worth being a hero for.

HOLOCAUST PRESENTATION

Dr. Lombardo presented at the East Boston Adult Education Center alongside guest of honor Sen. Edward Kennedy. >>

Senator Edward Kennedy and Vicki Reggie Kennedy were among participants of a graduation for minority women at the East Boston Adult Education Center. After the graduation Dr. Lombardo presented on the Holocaust in Southern Europe and her book "A Camp Without Walls."



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Senator Kennedy, a Friend of the Italians

by Dr. Maria Lombardo



Left to Right: East Boston Adult Education Center, Director, Prof. Avellani, Vicki Reggie Kennedy, Senator Edward Kennedy and Dr. Maria Lombardo at the women's graduation ceremony.

What connection does a nine year old girl coming to America for the first time on a large ship named Christopher Columbus have with the Kennedy dynasty? Well upon our arrival my grandmother, Filomena told me that I must be forever grateful to then President John F. Kennedy for processing the paperwork that permitted me and my parents to come to America. My grandmother recounted that when John F. Kennedy was running for

office he had visited the Tremont Clothing factory where she was working and as he made his campaign promises to help immigrants, my grandmother began crying in front of the TV cameras saying that she had never met her grandchildren and terribly missed her daughter, who had been left behind in Italy. She put John F. Kennedy to task by begging for help in bringing her daughter and family to America. With

the personal assistance of the future president, we came to America.

Always in the back of my mind, I knew the Kennedy family members were humanitarians. We heard so much about their assistance and legislation to help immigrants and poor Americans. When eventually I attained my degrees and decided to use them for a cause dear to my heart to help Ital-

SERGIO FRANCHI MUSIC EVENT

Dr. Lombardo worked alongside Eva Franchi to award scholarships to Italian musicians in honor of famous tenor Sergio Franchi. >>

Music is the heart of Italians and Italian Americans, Dr. Lombardo felt strongly that the community should encourage talented musicians through scholarships and entertainment. She worked alongside Mrs. Eva Franchi wife of tenor Sergio Franchi to establish the Sergio Franchi Music Foundation and to assist in the selection of the Sergio Franchi award winners for its annual music festival held at the Franchi estate in Stonington, Connecticut.

In the process, they discovered a number of young talents including Tara Venditti, Michael Amante, Patrick Carfizzi and others. As noted in several press articles, attendance at the Sergio Franchi concert grew to more than five million people. Proceeds from the event benefit the Sergio Franchi music awards in voice performance. Eva Franchi has worked steadily to generate income for the scholarships in honor of her late husband. NIAF promoted the program for Mrs. Franchi while Dr. Lombardo helped identify scholarship applicants.

PAVAROTTI SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Lombardo worked alongside famed tenor Luciano Pavarotti to present scholarships to young musicians. >>

As a result of a NIAF fundraising dinner, the Pavarotti Scholarship was initiated in honor of famous tenor Luciano Pavarotti. Mr. Pavarotti and other members worked with Dr. Lombardo in selecting worthy singers for his namesake scholarship.

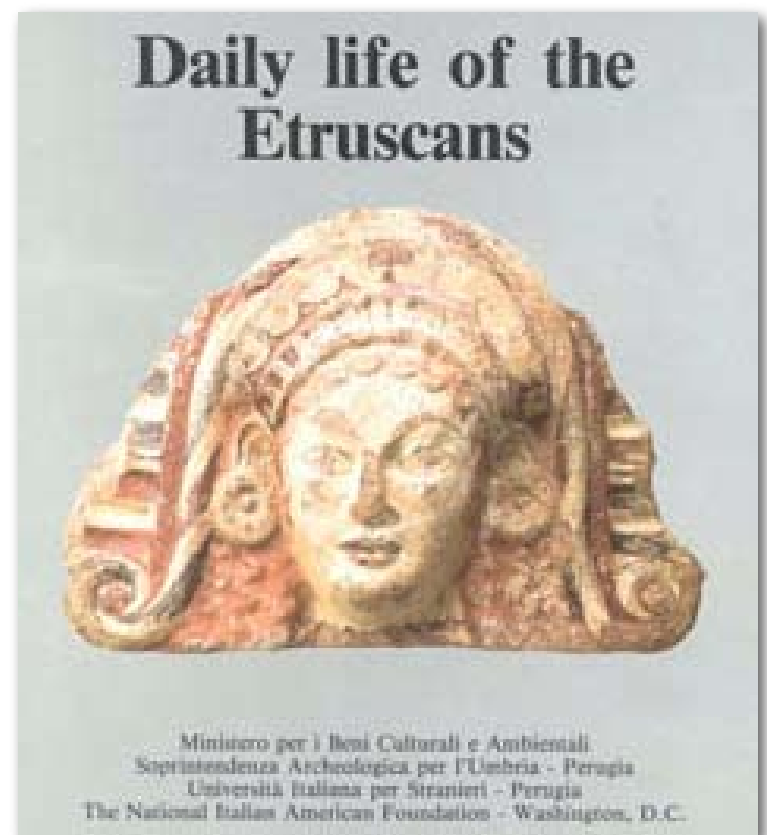


ETRUSCAN EXHIBIT

Dr. Lombardo helped spearhead an informative exhibition showcasing works of Etruscan art. >>

A major Etruscan art show, held in Washington, D.C. in the fall of 1984, was organized by Dr. Lombardo and co-sponsored by the NIAF in conjunction with the University for Foreigners in Perugia, Italy. The NIAF exhibition launched the "International Year of the Etruscans" in the United States.

The Archeological Superintendency of Perugia accepted the invitation of the University for Foreigners and graciously prepared the exhibition, which was welcomed with great interest in the nation's capital, particularly by those attending a simultaneous NIAF convention.



ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN IN TRADITION AND TRANSITION CONFERENCE

Dr. Lombardo helped coordinate a conference highlighting the roles of Italian American women throughout history. >>

In collaboration with the National Organization of Italian American Women, the NIAF conducted the conference “Italian American Women in Tradition of Transition” Topics discussed included Our Heritage, An Asset or Liability for Super Achievers; Leaving Home: A Dilemma for Young Italian American Women.

THE ROLE OF ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN CONFERENCE

Dr. Lombardo helped coordinate a conference highlighting the roles of Italian American women throughout history. >>

Another Italian American women-centric conference held in 1986 was conducted together in conjunction with the National Organization of Italian American Women, under the leadership of Dr. Aileen Riotto Sirey. The conference aimed to define the role of Italian American women in the areas of sciences, business, academia, politics, medicine and law.

