



## DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES & CULTURES

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To Whom it may Concern

This letter is to recommend to you most highly the excellent talk and video show that Joanne Silver presented to our university, sponsored by the Department of Languages and Cultures and the Holocaust Studies program. Ms Silver offered a truly unique and personal series of video interviews with a variety of French citizens who sequestered and aided the Jewish people when they were being pursued by the Nazis before and during World War II.

Her talk is entitled “Courage and Transformation: The Human Thing to Do” and the title illustrates perfectly the experience of the people interviewed. This talk taps into a rich collection of works that Ms. Silver publishes through her Beach Lloyd publishing firm, including memoirs, interviews and videos. It also connects to a rich filmography of films produced over the decades on this topic, so it makes a perfect enrichment for French and film courses as well as Holocaust studies at both the high school and college levels.

I would be glad to comment further on the high quality of Ms. Silver’s very professional presentation and the intensely moving and meaningful impact that it had on our audience at West Chester University.

Cordially,

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