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Joanne S. Silver, retired teacher of French and now owner and manager of BLP, was decorated in 2008 as *Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes académiques*, France's highest distinction for scholarly work and the promotion of French language and culture. Ms. Silver speaks regularly at teacher conferences. Most recently, she addressed faculty, alumna and students at West Chester University (PA) on rescue and assistance of refugees during World War II, and was guest speaker for the screening of *Deux Vies, Plus Une* at the Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival. She authors study guides and is available for consultation on teaching with survivors' testimony in French and English, and as speaker on Holocaust topics, specializing in France.

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Barbara P. Barnett, teacher of French and Head of the Department of Modern Languages at The Agnes Irwin School in Rosemont, Pennsylvania, has spent more than a decade interviewing French Holocaust survivors, Hidden Children, Christians who risked their lives to help Jews, historians and members of the Resistance. The recipient of several teaching grants for her work, Madame Barnett has conducted research in France and in the United States. Her work currently includes speaking at professional conferences and conducting teacher workshops. She gives talks both in French and in English.

In 2007, Mme Barnett was awarded the decoration *Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes académiques* and in 2008 received the Dorothy S. Ludwig Excellence in Teaching Award, Secondary Education, 2009. Madame Barnett lives in Pennsylvania.

Her works are:

The books *Visages de la Shoah : Marcel Jabelot* (with teacher guide included in the text), the English edition *Faces of the Holocaust: Marcel Jabelot*, and the accompanying 60-min. bilingual DVD of the same name;

La France Divisée, 25-min. DVD co-produced with E. Angelini. Study Guide available. She is currently working on a new publication.

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Fernande Keufgens Davis, born in Montzen, Belgium, now resides in the United States. After the war, she entered Brugmann University School of Nursing in Brussels. She moved to the Philadelphia area in 1949, attended Temple University and Gwynedd Mercy College, earning a B.A. in French. Davis enjoyed a long career teaching French at secondary and university levels. She taught at Germantown Academy for 18 years and received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year award. She retired from the Academy serving as Head of the Modern Language Department. Davis and her American soldier sweetheart enjoyed 54 years of married life together.

Madame Davis lives in Pennsylvania and often travels for speaking engagements.

Madame Davis's memoir is *Girl in the Belgian Resistance* (with study questions), with two accompanying DVDs: one of 30 mins. in English, one of 60 minutes, where she speaks in French and then in English, and the viewer can choose French, English or no subtitles. An extensive, creative packet by Emily Z. Wagner is available, for teaching French through Madame Davis's book.

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Ruth Kapp Hartz, after having survived the horrors of World War II in France, emigrated to the U.S. in 1958. She taught for more than 30 years, including 22 at Springside School in Philadelphia, where the author of her memoir, Stacy Cretzmeyer, was her student. Today, Madame Hartz speaks extensively to student groups and other interested organizations, preserving the memory of victims of the Holocaust, encouraging tolerance and fighting prejudice. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Holocaust Education Council.

The women of the Rodeph Shalom synagogue of Philadelphia awarded Madame Hartz the Selda Frieder Prize for exceptional service to the community.

Madame Hartz has six grandchildren and lives in Elkins Park, a suburb of Philadelphia, PA.

Her memoir is *Tu t'appelles Renée : Paroles d'un Enfant cachée dans la France de Vichy (1940–1944)* and its English edition, *Your Name is Renée*. New study guides are available for both editions. She addresses middle school students on the DVD *Voices of Holocaust History: Ruth Tells Her Story*.

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Phyllis Helene Mattson was part of a small group of refugee Jewish children brought from Vienna to the U.S., and was the only child brought to San Francisco. Her memoir, *War Orphan in San Francisco*, contains letters from her parents, trying to guide her through a difficult adolescence in a new country with a new name and an unfamiliar language.

Ms. Mattson is a retired teacher of Anthropology and Health Sciences in Silicon Valley, at the community college. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, received graduate degrees in Anthropology from the University of Wisconsin and Public Health from Harvard. She started her career in health research, culminating in a book, *Holistic Health in Perspective in 1981*, then turned to teaching. In 1989–1990, she taught English at Shandong University in China, and in 1994 joined the Peace Corps in Nepal. She has two children and one grandchild.

Ms. Mattson lives near San Francisco, and will be travelling to Nebraska and then will speak at Main Line School Night in Radnor, 10 a.m. –12 noon on November 7, 2009. November 4 or 5, she is available for other speaking engagements in the Philadelphia area.

Study questions are available for *War Orphan in San Francisco*. (book in English only).

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