Congratulations to Dr. Lilach Ashoulin and Prof. Hadas Wiseman, on being awarded The Journal of Holocaust Research's 2017 Annual Article Competition Prize.

The 2017 award for excellence in the field of Holocaust Studies has been bestowed upon Dr. Lilach Ashoulin and Prof. Hadas Wiseman. Their work was selected from a pool of over 30 articles submitted to The Journal of Holocaust Research in 2017. This innovative article analyzes a significant subject that has not been studied in the past: the testimonies of the offspring of Righteous Among the Nations who were children during World War II. Read the article here.

Voices of Adult Offspring of Righteous Among the Nations: Wartime Experiences During the Holocaust

This study aims to give voice to the offspring of “Righteous Among the Nations” who were children during World War II. Unlike the children of survivors and the children of perpetrators, this unique group has not yet been studied. We assume that although the children had no say in their parents’ decision to rescue Jews, these rescue acts affected their experiences. We examine their recollections about their subjective experiences regarding their parents rescue activities, communication patterns in their families regarding the rescue secrets, and their relationships with the Jewish children sheltered in their homes. The study involved 22 Dutch offspring who were children during the war when their parents were involved in rescue activities. The methodology was personal interviews that were then subjected to qualitative analysis. Four core themes were explored: (a) boundaries and transitions between inside and outside the home, (b) rescuers’ children as “participant–witnesses,” (c) parent–child communication patterns, and (d) relationships with the Jewish children in hiding.

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