

RAOUL WALLENBERG DAY

**Please join us for the screening of the film,
Good Evening, Mr. Wallenberg”,
Raoul Wallenberg Day Proclamation by City Hall,
and Speeches**

**January 21, 2007, at 2 pm
VanCity Theatre, 1181 Seymour St**

The Swedish and Jewish communities have joined together once again to pay tribute to the Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg who saved the lives of as many as one hundred thousand people condemned to death in Hungary by the Nazis during WWII. He disappeared on January 17, 1945, and was subsequently imprisoned in the Soviet Union. An honorary citizen of Canada, USA, and Israel, he would have celebrated his 95th birthday this year.

In January 1986, members of the Second Generation Group of Vancouver arranged a ceremony to dedicate a plaque they had created and installed in Queen Elizabeth Park in honour of Raoul Wallenberg. His Excellency Per Anger and representatives of the City of Vancouver and the Federal and Provincial governments attended. As the twentieth anniversary of this ceremony approached; the current Honourary Swedish Consul, Anders Neumuller, contacted the members of the Second Generation Group to co-sponsor another event commemorating Raoul Wallenberg. In January 2006, over 100 people braved the rain and attended this successful event at the site of the plaque unveiled twenty years earlier, at the waterfall in Queen Elizabeth Park. A representative of the Mayor read the City of Vancouver's Proclamation of "Raoul Wallenberg Day."

We enjoyed working with the Swedish community and believe it is important to pay tribute to such an important man. Members of our group and the larger Vancouver Jewish Community owe their lives to his efforts to save their family members. The members of our Second Generation Group have committed to continuing the work started twenty years ago and will co-sponsor this event annually with the Swedish Consul. In the future, we hope to work together on other projects, such as encouraging Canada Post to issue a stamp honouring Raoul Wallenberg.

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