

**Hatikvah Patron Package  
includes a private reception with  
Ela Weissberger**



Sunday March 30 - 2:30 PM  
Elms College, Chicopee, MA  
refreshments will be served

Ela Weissberger, a survivor of the Holocaust, played the role of "the Cat" in all 55 performances of "Brundibár" at the Nazi concentration camp Theresienstadt.

When she was 8 years old, her family left the Sudetenland on the Czech-German border for the safety of Prague. In 1938 her father was arrested. She never saw him again.

Ela was 11 when she arrived at Theresienstadt in February 1942. Only four members of her family survived.



Original cast of "Brundibár"

Now living in New York, she has made it her mission to travel to performances of "Brundibár" to tell the audiences about its history and her experiences. She is coauthor of the book, "The Cat with the Yellow Star: Coming of Age in Terezin".



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A children's opera that celebrates the  
triumph of good over evil by standing  
together in peace and harmony

**Brundibár**

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