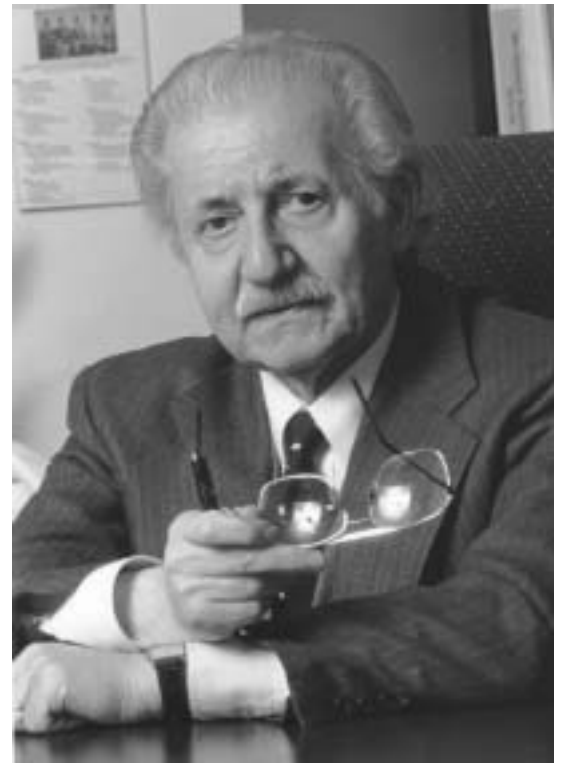


# A Presentation and Book Signing with Henri Parens, author of *Renewal of Life: Healing from the Holocaust*

Sunday, May 7, 2006  
2:00 PM–4:00 PM

Free Admission with Purchase of the Book  
at the Family & Play Therapy Center in West Mt. Airy  
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Part I What Happened to My World  
Part II Reflections 60 Years Later  
Part III “Ayeika?”

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## A Statement from Henri Parens:

In his *Memoires 2*, Elie Wiesel tells us that God asked Adam “Ayeika? Where are you, Adam?” Rabbi Shneour-Zalmen de Ladi explained that by this, God, who since He is God would know where Adam would be, meant, “Adam, where are you? . . . What have you done with your life?”

May 10, 1940, the German army attacked and invaded Belgium. I was 11. In Bruxelles, alarmed Jews and others fled to safety in France. Safety there soon turned into concentrations camps. Encouraged by my mother, I escaped from Rivesaltes, found temporary asylum in an OSE Home for children war orphans and refugees. Then I came to America with 49 other refugee children, to permanent asylum, to start the work of recovery from psychic injury and losses, to start life anew.

Healing from the Holocaust is a life-long process, a process that brings with it much reflection not only on what happened but also on what some of its consequences have been for me and my family. For me, healing from the Holocaust has been facilitated by healing others, children especially, and by studying aggression, what it is and how it develops in early childhood, as well as what developmental and experiential factors make us prejudiced, and what can we do toward preventing, or at least toward mitigating, the development in ourselves and our children of malignant prejudice. We must learn to live together with our differences and work toward preventing holocausts everywhere.

Being a survivor, I want to use this fact as a spring-board to talk about prejudice, its nature and steps we can take to prevent/mitigate its perpetuation.

**About the Presenter:** Henri Parens is a world-famous child psychiatrist and psychoanalyst. He is the author of two books on childhood aggression: *Aggression in Our Children Coping with it Constructively* and *The Development of Aggression in Early Childhood*. The Postgraduate Advanced Child Development Course that is offered every other week at the Family & Play Therapy Center was inspired by a similar training program offered by Dr. Parens when he was Director of the Infant Psychiatry Section and Research Professor of Psychiatry at Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute/Medical College of PA. The Center has greatly appreciated Dr. Parens’s philosophy and interventions for working with children who are having difficulty with aggression. Now, we are honored to host this presentation as Dr. Parens shares his thoughts about the development of prejudice, as inspired by his experiences as a Holocaust Survivor.

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To register, please complete this form and return it with your payment. If you have any questions or wish to pay with a credit card, please call us at 215-844-4321 ext. 1. Thank you.

I (we) will be attending and have enclosed payment for the following number of copies of *Renewal of Life* (at least one book per adult):

- 1 copy = \$25.95 + \$1.82 tax = **\$27.77**
- 2 copies = **\$55.53**
- 3 copies = **\$83.30**
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