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Mary Bauer, Eyewitness to War With an Introduction by Dr. Steve Jobbitt

Born in Budapest, Hungary, on May 29, 1927, Mary Bauer (née Izsak) was a teenager when she was deported to Auschwitz along with her mother and grandparents in the late spring of 1944. In Auschwitz, Mrs. Bauer was forced to work as a weaver, converting the shorn hair of prisoners into items necessary for the Nazi war effort. In January, 1945, Mrs. Bauer and her mother were forcibly marched from Auschwitz, Poland, to Ravensbruck, Germany. Liberated by the Russian Red Army in the spring of 1945, she returned to Hungary with her mother, only to find their home looted, and anti-Semitism as strong as ever. Realizing that there was no future for her daughter in postwar Hungary, her mother sent her to Berlin. Mrs. Bauer sailed for America soon after. She eventually settled in Los Angeles with her husband, who was originally from Austria, and who had fought in Israel's War of Independence. A passionate critic of racism and intolerance in all its forms, Mrs. Bauer continues to work tirelessly to not only educate people about the



Mary Bauer and her mother, May 1944. A week later they had yellow stars affixed to these coats.

Holocaust, but also to raise awareness about the horrors of genocide and ethnic cleansing around the world.

Steve Jobbitt is Assistant Professor of Modern European History. Dr. Jobbitt earned his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in 2008. Specializing in modern Hungarian history, his research and teaching interests also include genocide and ethnic cleansing, nationalism, and fascism, to name only a few. He is currently working on a book manuscript entitled "A Geographer's Tale: Nation, Modernity and the Negotiation of self in Trianon Hungary."



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