



## Nationally Acclaimed Willesden READ for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut

For educators and their students in grades K-12

### THE PROGRAM

Register today to have your students join thousands of their peers across New York City for the **Willesden READS** on **May 25, 2021 at 11:00 am**.

Join this 50-minute one of a kind livestreamed event including a **theatrical performance** and concert based on the best-selling book, *The Children of Willesden Lane*. More than one million students across the world have experienced the Willesden READS program. During the event, students will have opportunities to interact with the book's author, performer and virtuoso concert pianist Mona Golabek, who offers uplifting messages of resilience and hope for students at a time when they most need it.

Watch [this three-minute video](#) to see how the program has reached students around the world.

In advance of the livestream event, educators are invited to participate in **professional development**, provided by Echoes & Reflections, to deepen understanding of the historical context of *The Children of Willesden Lane* books and to learn to incorporate [companion resources](#) found in IWitness, USC Shoah Foundation's educational website, into their teaching.

### THE STORY

*The Children of Willesden Lane* is the best-selling book about the power of music and how one teenage refugee, Lisa Jura, Mona's mother, held onto her dreams, survived the Holocaust and inspired a generation of her contemporaries. Today's worldwide humanitarian crises and the importance of standing up against bigotry and hatred are reflected in the continued, growing relevance of this book.

### HOW TO ENGAGE

#### 1 Attend Professional Development

[Click here for on-demand, K-3rd!](#)

[Click here for on-demand, 4-8th!](#)

[Click here for on-demand, Lunch + Learn!](#)

#### 2 Receive eBooks for the Classroom

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Prepare student for the livestream event by reading the book and engaging with companion resources.

#### 3 Join the Livestream Performance

[Click here to register now!](#)

Teachers should register for their participating students in advance. All details for tuning in on the day via Zoom will be sent prior.

#### Questions?

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