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## ALBANY INSTITUTE TO HOST LEGENDARY NEWSPAPERMAN AND AUTHOR HARRY ROSENFELD FOR A LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING

*From Kristallnacht to Watergate: Memoirs of a Newspaperman*

Sunday, December 15 at 2PM

ALBANY, NY- The Albany Institute of History & Art will host famed newspaperman and Albany *Times Union* editor at large, Harry Rosenfeld, for a lecture about his recent book, *From Kristallnacht to Watergate: Memoirs of a Newspaperman* on Sunday, December 15 at 2PM. Rosenfeld will recount some of the most compelling moments of his life, from his childhood in Hitler's Berlin, to his years at the *Washington Post*. After the lecture, Rosenfeld will be available to answer questions about the historic events he witnessed and he will also sign copies of his book. The lecture and book signing is organized by the Museum Shop at the Albany Institute of History & Art and is free with museum admission.

*From Kristallnacht to Watergate: Memoirs of a Newspaperman* is Rosenfeld's personal account of the history he has seen unfold around him throughout his life. In the book he discusses the horrors of living in Berlin as it fell under Hitler's control. His father was taken in the middle of the night by the Gestapo and on Kristallnacht he witnessed his synagogue being burned to the ground and the windows of Jewish shop owners being smashed. His family was able to find

refuge in America, and it was there where his childhood memories influenced his decision to become a journalist.

Rosenfeld also describes his years as the editor of the *New York Herald Tribune* and the *Washington Post* during the tumultuous second half of the twentieth century. He worked hard to try to keep the *New York Herald Tribune* in print, but when it went under he joined the staff of the *Post*. He became the Metropolitan editor of the *Post* and played a key role in breaking the Watergate scandal. His management of the story earned him the Pulitzer Prize Gold Medal for Public Service. The memoir offers an insider perspective to the tension, challenges, triumphs and setbacks that occurred in the newsroom of the *Post* while breaking one of America's greatest political scandals to date.

Harry Rosenfeld was born in Berlin, Germany in 1929, and emigrated to the U.S. with his family in May, 1939. He graduated from Stuyvesant High School in New York City and from Syracuse University in 1952 with a B.A. in American Literature. He did graduate studies at Columbia University in public policy and international relations. Rosenfeld is a veteran of the Korean War, where he attained the rank of corporal and served as a military historian. He retired as editor of the *Times Union* in 1998 but still serves as a consultant to the paper as well as the editor at large. He has been married to Anne Hahn since 1953 and they have three daughters and seven grandchildren.

The lecture and book signing will be held at the Albany Institute of History & Art, located at 125 Washington Avenue in Albany, New York on Sunday, December 15 at 2pm. The museum is open Wednesday–Saturday 10AM–5PM, Thursdays until 8PM, and Sunday Noon–5PM. On Tuesdays, the museum is open to registered groups only. The museum is closed on Mondays and major holidays. Admission is free for Institute members; \$10/adults; \$8/seniors and students with ID; \$6/ children 6-12; FREE/children under 6. For more information, visit [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org) or call (518) 463-4478.

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