

## **Final Report**

Event: Speaker Program – Howard Reich

Date and time: Thursday, October 7, 2021  
4:00 speaking event & 5:00 reception

Venue: The Nancy and David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity  
Union Terminal – Cincinnati Museum Center

The ACC Southwest Ohio Chapter hosted author, journalist, and filmmaker Howard Reich at the chapter's annual meeting on Oct. 7, 2021.

Reich spoke to the chapter about his book, [\*The Art of Inventing Hope: Intimate Conversations with Elie Wiesel.\*](#)

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel and Robert Reich, Howard's father, were liberated from the Buchenwald death camp on April 11, 1945. The friendship that later developed between Wiesel and Howard Reich became a partnership, the two chronicling conversations between a Holocaust survivor and the son of survivors — two generations contemplating a cataclysmic event and its consequences.

Reich delivered a powerful and moving presentation about his conversations with Wiesel and the insight and guidance that he learned. The presentation was followed by a reception during which Reich met with and signed copies of his book for guests.

### **Lessons Learned:**

1. Do the planning well in advance – venue, guest list, speaker availability, speaker travel & budget, catering, purchase books and books signing, speaker hotel and pre-event luncheon
2. Maintain a calendar for what needs to be done and when
3. Have contingency plans in case of interruption. Our schedule was interrupted more than once due to the pandemic and continued to be a concern throughout the planning process.
4. Review contracts/have agreements with vendors as to what happens if you need to re-schedule. (Forfeit deposit? Allowed to re-schedule without penalty?)

**Budget:**

Union Terminal – Cincinnati Museum Center – Newsreel room & parking - \$1250

Catering for event - \$2370

Books for attendees - \$859.70

Hotel for Howard Reich - \$559.91

Airfare for Howard Reich - \$248.84

Howard Reich pre-event luncheon with board members - \$141.42

**Total Cost: \$5430.07**





