

The Executive House Committee cordially invites you to a

## Book Signing and Cocktail Reception

Thursday, March 11, 2010

6:00 PM



We are proud to present

### Elizabeth Bettina

author of

### *It Happened in Italy*

*Untold Stories of How the People of Italy Defied the Horrors of the Holocaust*

Elizabeth Bettina shares her the story of how her grandparent's small village, nestled in the heart of southern Italy, housed an internment camp for Jews during the Holocaust, and that it was far from the only one. She will discuss her discovery of survivors and their stories of gratitude to Italy and its people and the little known details of how members of the Catholic church assisted and helped shelter Jews in Italy during World War II. Their personal pictures document the story and are only available in the book.

**Joining Elizabeth will be at least one, possibly more of those survivors, who will share their personal experiences in Italy.**

Elizabeth will also present a small segment of the documentary, *Italy and the Holocaust: The Hidden Story*, which features survivors described in her book.



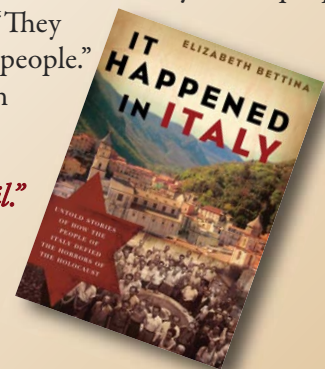
Jewish Wedding, Ferramonti (Calabria) circa 1942



Rabbi of Fiume, Bishop Palatucci, Police Officer, Interned Jews, Campagna (Salerno) circa 1940

*It Happened In Italy* takes you on a journey of thankfulness. Over 30,000 Jewish people survived in Italy because of the goodness of many Italian people. Each one of the survivors tells a similar story. "They would not be alive if it were not for the Italian people." The survivors say they were "treated like human beings."

*"... This is a story of goodness amidst evil."*



Members and their guests \$30.00 per person

Books will be available for purchase (charge to Member's account)

Please RSVP to Cathy at 212-249-9923 by March 5, 2010

Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

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