

# Giornata della Memoria: per non dimenticare

In honor of the "Giornata della Memoria" – Holocaust Remembrance Day (observed globally on January 27). Organized by the **Consulate of Italy in Detroit and the Dante Alighieri Society of Michigan** to commemorate those Italians who suffered persecution as a result of the Racial Laws imposed by the Fascist government and under the Nazi occupation during World War II.

Join us on **Sunday, January 25, 2026, @ 4:00 PM**

DAS: 30400 Telegraph Rd. – Ste 151

Bingham Farms, MI 48025 – East Entrance

## "A family's history of resistance in Nazi-occupied Padua."

Before the film screening, the new Italian Consul in Detroit, **Paolo Zanotto**, will join us to share a family's history of resistance, dedicated to the Martini Sisters and their secret network of aid, based at the Cathedral of Saint Anthony in Padua, which rescued hundreds of persecuted people and brought them safely to Switzerland.

*Photo courtesy of Paolo Zanotto*



## ELENA DEL GHETTO

Film Screening: 98 min. With English subtitles

### A Tale of Defiance and Courage

Dive into the extraordinary true story of Elena Di Porto, the bold Jewish woman from Rome's historic Ghetto who refused to bow to fascism. Known as "the madwoman of the Ghetto" for her fiery spirit, boxing in secret, mastering billiards, and ditching convention, Elena uncovers the Nazis' deadly plan for the October 16, 1943, roundup that deported over 1,000 souls to Auschwitz. Her desperate midnight warnings echo through the rain-soaked streets in this gripping period drama.

Directed by *Stefano Casertano* in his powerful debut, *Elena del Ghetto* stars the magnetic *Micaela Ramazzotti* as the indomitable Elena, alongside *Valerio Aprea*, *Giulia Bevilacqua*, and a vibrant ensemble. Blending raw emotion with Roman dialect flair, it's a noble tribute to resilience amid occupation, perfect for fans of historical tales with heart and hustle. It's a vibrant reminder of one woman's fight against oppression in dark times. Join us for a screening that celebrates freedom, family, and the unyielding human spark.

**This event is free and open to the public, but a reservation is required - Limited seating.**

Registration: <https://www.dantemichigan.org/events>



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