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THE ANNE FRANK CENTER USA

The Anne Frank Center USA in partnership with the Consulate General of the Netherlands, Miami is proud to present

Confronting Intolerance Today

A panel discussion on immigration reform

March 24, 2015 6:30 – 8:30 pm

The Koubek Center, Miami Dade College

As a young Jewish girl, Anne Frank was among the millions of victims of religious and ethnic persecution at the hands of the Nazis. In 1938, her father, Otto Frank, tried unsuccessfully to emigrate with the family to the United States. Even with the support of prominent American businessman, Nathan Straus, without the necessary entry papers the Franks were unable to gain passage. For the refugees who escaped Nazi Germany, America naturally represented a beacon of hope for a better world and a new beginning. But a drastic tightening of U.S. immigration policy, based partly on fears that some immigrants might be spies or saboteurs, meant that transit visas, and safe passage through Europe to the United States became increasingly impossible to obtain.

The Franks' immigration story did not end there. On December 1, 1941, the Cuban government issued a single visa in the name of Otto Frank. Ten days later on December 11, Germany declared war on the United States and the Cuban visa was cancelled. Otto Frank survived the war, but his family did not.

With this history in mind, The Anne Frank Center USA will host its next *Confronting Intolerance Today* program at the Koubek Center in Miami, a city rich with immigrant history and culture. This important and timely event will examine discrimination on the basis of nationality and citizenship, specifically addressing immigration reform and the dream of a new world with new possibilities.

The event will feature Felipe Sousa-Rodriguez, Deputy-Managing Director of United We Dream, who recently walked on the Trail of Dreams to draw attention to the need for the DREAM Act and to push for an end to deportations; Maria Rodriguez, Executive Director, Florida Immigrant Coalition, who has worked for 25 years on behalf of low-income and migrant peoples; and Marleine Bastien, Executive Director Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami (Haitian Women of Miami), who was recently named a "Woman of the Year" by Ms. Magazine.

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**Free and open
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Valet parking \$5

In conjunction with this panel, The Anne Frank Center USA will open its definitive exhibition *Anne Frank: A History for Today* – designed to educate visitors of all ages about the dangers of intolerance – at the following locations in Miami, Florida.

The Koubek Center
Miami Dade College
March 17 – April 3

The Freedom Tower
Miami Dade College
April 8 – 26

Miami Beach Urban Studios
Florida International University
April 28 – May 22



About The Anne Frank Center USA

The Anne Frank Center USA, a partner of the Anne Frank House, uses the diary and spirit of Anne Frank as unique tools to advance her legacy, to educate young people and communities in North America about the dangers of intolerance, antisemitism, racism and discrimination, and to inspire the next generation to build a world based on equal rights and mutual respect.

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