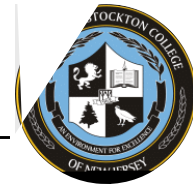


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Photojournalist Ruth Gruber, 99, at Film Event

May 12 Screening of *Ahead of Time*, Detailing Gruber's Life

The event, to take place 7 pm Thursday May 12, at the Stockton College Center for the Arts, 501 North Jerome Avenue in Margate, is free and open to the public. The film *Ahead of Time*, detailing Gruber's fascinating life, will be shown. Kenner, will also be in attendance at the event.

Ruth Gruber, now aged 99, was a special agent during World War II. In 1943 she was assigned a secret mission to rescue wounded US servicemen from Europe to Oahu. On the ship *Henry Gibbons*, the vessel was hunted by the Japanese and the refugees were locked behind a chain link fence.

While US government agencies argued about whether to deport to Europe, Gruber lobbied to keep them in the US. In January 1946 that the decision was made to keep them in the US was the only attempt by the United States to rescue them. Interviews with the refugees became the basis for the book *World War II Refugees and How They Came to America*.

In the postwar years, Gruber covered the New York Times about the attempt in 1947 by the ship *Exodus* to deliver Jewish refugees to Palestine.

Following the May 12 screening, Gruber will be speaking. For further information call the Sara and Sam Sussman Center for the Arts at 908-771-2000.

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