

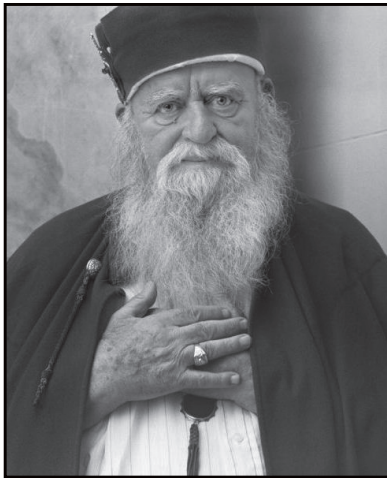
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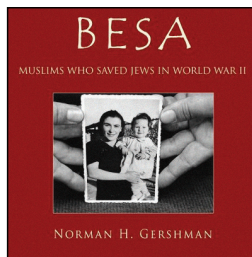
# NORMAN H. GERSHMAN

## BESA: MUSLIMS WHO SAVED JEWS IN WORLD WAR II

**Sunday, April 11 / 3:00 p.m. / Free**  
**UCSB Campbell Hall**



Fine art photographer Norman H. Gershman spent five years collecting the stories of Albanian Muslims who, at grave risk to themselves and their families, harbored Jewish refugees during WWII as part the Islamic tradition of Besa, or sanctuary. They protected the entire Jewish population of their cities and villages and also saved thousands of Jews from other countries who were fleeing the Nazis. His illustrated volume, *Besa: Muslims Who Saved Jews in World War II*, offers a haunting look at the power of love, compassion and generosity to unite faiths and deliver genuine salvation.



Yad Vashem, the Holocaust museum in Israel, is sponsoring a traveling exhibition of *Besa*. Featured on CBS News, NPR and Al-Jazeera, the book is also the subject of a not-yet-released full-length documentary film, *God's House*. Courtesy of Borders, copies of *Besa* will be available for purchase and signing at this event.



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