

# THE MTSU HOLOCAUST STUDIES CONFERENCE PRESENTS

## FINDING SCHIFRAH

### A Holocaust Child Survivor's Journey and the Making of a Memoir

Born Clara van Thijn on October 19, 1940 in the Netherlands, Sonja DuBois was barely two years old when her Jewish parents boarded a train and left the Netherlands without her in 1942. The Nazis murdered DuBois' parents in Auschwitz-Birkenau that same year. Meanwhile, DuBois was adopted and raised by a Dutch foster family, first in the Netherlands and then in the United States. Her name was changed to Sonja and she was not told about her biological parents' identities or their deaths. *Finding Schifrah* explores DuBois' journey as an adult to uncover the truth of her identity and understand her Jewish heritage. Sonja DuBois will be joined for discussion by the co-editors of her memoir, Alice Catherine Carls and Hanno Weitering.

**Friday, September 23, 2022**

2:00-4:00 PM

Book signing to follow

MTSU Student Union Ballroom

Free and open to the public

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**Sonja DuBois**

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