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## Triangle Shirtwaist Fire 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events at Brooklyn Historical Society

**March 7, 2011, Brooklyn, NY** -- The Brooklyn Historical Society is hosting two events this March in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire, which is March 25, 2011.

### **Wednesday, March 16**

#### **Pop-Up Exhibit: Triangle Fire Open Archive**

3:00pm-7:00pm

BHS is hosting a pop-up exhibit in collaboration with the [Remember the Triangle Fire Coalition's](#) and [Buscada's Triangle Fire Open Archive](#), an online, participatory archive of community contributed stories, images and documents, each of which tell a piece of the history and impact of the infamous fire and its critical relevance for today's pressing questions about labor rights and safety from New York City to Wisconsin to Bangladesh. BHS will host a pop-up exhibit of this archive on March 16. Visitors will be able to view some of the personal stories, pictures, documents and objects that the Triangle Fire Open Archive has collected so far, including objects from BHS' archival collections. Visitors are encouraged to bring in their own items to share-- stories, photos, memorabilia, etc. about the Triangle fire, or any kind of labor or women's activism over the last 100 years. We will create digital photographs of your items and upload them to the Triangle Fire Open Archive, for the world to see. This event is open to the public and is free with museum admission.

### **Wednesday, March 23**

#### **Multimedia Presentation on the New York City Triangle Factory Fire**

6:30-8:30pm

(Doors open at 6:15pm)

On March 25, 1911, flames rapidly consumed everything within the Triangle Waist Company factory. The 146 victims, mostly young Jewish and Italian immigrant women, died due to unsafe working conditions. This event, part of the 100th anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire, features the authors of the new book *The New York City Triangle Factory Fire*, prepared for the centennial commemoration of the fire in collaboration with Workers United and HBO Documentary Films' production of *Triangle: Remembering the Fire*. Authors Leigh Benin (Adelphi University), Rob Linné (Adelphi University), Adrienne Sosin (Adelphi University), and Joel Sosinsky will share their research discoveries via a multimedia presentation highlighting recently uncovered historical images and artifacts. This event is sponsored by the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association and is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:15pm.

*The mission of the Brooklyn Historical Society is to connect the past to the present and make the vibrant history of Brooklyn tangible, relevant, and meaningful for today's diverse communities, and for generations to come. Founded in 1863, BHS functions as a library, museum and urban education center dedicated to the people of Brooklyn, providing opportunities for civic dialogue and thoughtful engagement.*