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## Maurice Shenkier at 50th Serpa Pinto Reunion

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### Notes:

Color photograph. A portrait of a man and a woman having a conversation in the middle of a library. In the background, there are people huddled together in small groups, while others are sitting around them. The man depicted in the photograph is Maurice Shenkier. Narrative: The Serpa Pinto was a Portuguese transport ship, which sailed under the command of Captain Americo Dos Santos. With a capacity of 600 people, the ship made regular trips from Lisbon, Portugal to Rio de Janeiro, New York City, Philadelphia and Baltimore. It has been said that the ship transported about 7800 refugees, among them hundreds of Jews during World War II. Alice Eckstein was the donor's mother. Due to Sam Shenkier's wealth, which was amassed through the Diamond Exchange in Belgium, his family was spared. He could afford to get them out of Europe and away from the Nazis. Sam Shenkier was the donor's father.

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