

Fall 2015 Newsletter

The Center for Holocaust,
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Happy New Year!

Happy Rosh Hashanah wishes go out to our Jewish colleagues, friends, and supporters. May you be healthy, joyous, and prosperous in the new year!

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HOLOCAUST SPEAKERS BUREAU

Host Holocaust and Genocide Survivors at Your School or Organization

As the 2015-2016 traditional school year begins for most schools, the Holocaust Speakers Bureau, a component of the **Center for Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Education of North Carolina** is ready to arrange speaker visits to schools and community organizations within an hour of the Triangle. Our speakers include Holocaust survivors and refugees, children of survivors, liberators of concentration camps, and recent refugees to our community from countries experiencing genocide

and mass atrocities such as South Sudan, Rwanda and Myanmar. We try our best to bring you refugees and survivors who have lived through the Holocaust. Unfortunately, their health may preclude a visit. Children of survivors (2Gs) have lived their lives in the shadows of their parents' horrors and share, openly and honestly, their parents' experiences as well as their own stories of living with family members traumatized by the circumstances they were forced to endure.

There is nothing more powerful than a first-hand account of a survivor who has lived through the Holocaust or a more recent genocide. We are fortunate to have a group of these individuals who live in our area and are eager to share their experiences with students and teachers. But time is running out for our aging Holocaust survivors and liberators, who will not be with us for much longer. That is why it is essential to act now and take advantage of this unique and important learning opportunity.

Holocaust Survivor Videos Online

We have produced five 30-minute documentary videos (divided into short chapters) of Holocaust survivors for classroom use. A typical school visit might include viewing the documentary and following it with a Q&A session and classroom activity. Trained Holocaust educators are available to

assist with the lesson plan. We have partnered with The North Carolina Civic Education Consortium (a component of the University of North Carolina Program in the Humanities and Human Values), which has produced lesson plans, PowerPoint presentations, and guided activities. For

links to the videos and the lesson plans, visit our website. All our services are free of charge.



Opportunity for Schools to Host Traveling Exhibits

This fall, two traveling exhibits made possible by the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust, are available to loan, free of charge, to schools. They are generally suitable for middle school and high school students studying history, social studies, language arts, social justice, and more. Contact us to arrange one of these exhibits.

Dr. Seuss Wants You! The Political Cartoons of Dr. Seuss, 1941-1942
This exhibit consists of

fourteen panels, each of which highlights one Seuss political cartoon against fascism, anti-Semitism, and bigotry, published in *PM*, a New York daily newspaper. From the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education.

Fences, Walls, and Butterflies. Children Confront the Holocaust through Art
Fifteen framed panels (15"x25" & 30"x25") present artwork created

by Israeli students at the Yad Leyeled art workshop, with text panels on the educational approach of the Yad Leyeled Children's Museum. From American Friends of the Ghetto Fighters' Museum.

Exhibits may be hung on walls or supported by easels. Two additional exhibits will be available January through June 2016: *Kindertransport* and *Triumph of Life*.

Traveling Suitcases

As part of the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust's Traveling Suitcase Project, teachers can borrow, free of charge, two collections of materials and artifacts related to the Holocaust: the *Diaries of Children Suitcase* and the *Survival Story of Susan Cernyak-Spatz Suitcase*. To view a detailed inventory of each suitcase and download the request form, visit our website.

Upcoming Spring Teacher Workshop March 4-5, 2016

Partnering with the North Carolina Civic Education Consortium, we will offer a spring teacher workshop that highlights how best to teach the Holocaust using 1) the documentaries we've produced, 2) an app currently in production in collaboration with Duke University, which will provide students and teachers with unique tools to make the stories of survivors come alive and offer maps and timelines, and 3) other technological tools widely available on

the internet to help teachers develop lesson plans. These new approaches are needed, as our local survivors are aging and may soon be unavailable to make classroom presentations.

Holocaust refugees, survivors, concentration camp liberators as well as recent refugees will join us at this two day workshop. World renowned Holocaust experts will cover topics including slavery and the Jim Crow

South: how does this relate to the Holocaust?, FDR and the Isolationist Movement in the United States in the 1940s, Why Did Good People Look the Other Way, Eugenics: parallels between Nazi Germany and the United States, Immigration Law and the Quota System. The goal of this workshop is to assist educators in best practices for teaching the relevance of the Holocaust and speaking out against intolerance and hate today.



Diane Kunz, Esq., speaks to NC educators on immigration law and eugenics at recent NC teacher workshop, July 2015.

History of the Holocaust Lecture Series with Hans Wuerth

For four Wednesday evenings beginning September 16 at 6:30 PM, the United Church of Christ will present lectures on National Socialism and the Holocaust, led by Hans Wuerth, who taught this material when he was a professor at Moravian College in Pennsylvania. For more information, contact the church at (919) 942-3540.

- September 16 Lecture 1: Introductory comments; Remembering the Holocaust after 1945: in Western Europe, in Germany, the United States and in Eastern Europe; The history of the Holocaust Memorial Museum, the permanent exhibition and educational center. Question and answer session.
- September 23 Lecture 2: Why the Weimar Republic failed, making the rise of Hitler possible; The ominous year 1933; Some other major and minor events before the beginning of World War II in 1939. Q & A.
- September 30 Lecture 3: World War II; The deadly persecution of European Jews; The various camps; the Resistance movements; The victims: European Jews and others; The Righteous Gentiles. Q & A.
- October 7 Lecture 4: "Never again?" From the Holocaust to other genocides since 1945: definition of genocide; Some examples: Cambodia – Rwanda – Darfur; Where do we go from here? Q & A.

This Wednesday night lecture series is open to all.

Bus Trip to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in D.C. October 9-10

The United Church of Chapel Hill is taking a bus to Washington, D.C. to visit the US Holocaust Museum on October 9 and 10. This trip is the culmination of a four week, Wednesday night study on National Socialism and the Holocaust led by Hans Wuerth (see above).

The bus will leave Friday, October 9 promptly at 5:00 PM. We will have dinner on the road and will stay overnight at the Sleep Inn in Fredericksburg, VA. Saturday morning the bus will arrive at the museum at 11:00 AM and participants will have approximately 3 hours to tour the museum.

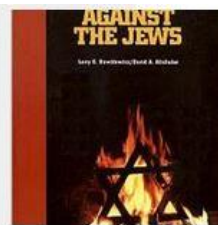
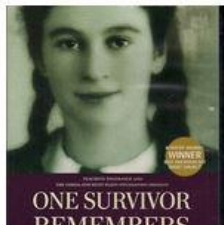
The cost of the trip is \$93 for a single person/\$186 for a couple.

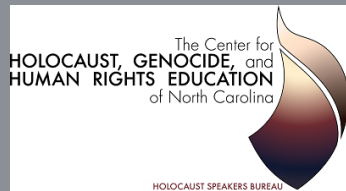
The deadline to register for this trip is Tuesday, September 15. The trip is limited to 50 participants and reservations will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. Minors must be accompanied by parents.

To register for the bus trip or for more information, contact the United Church of Chapel Hill at (919) 942-3540.

Instructional Materials Available for Teachers

The Center for Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Education of North Carolina provides helpful resources for teachers and students in addition to our speakers. Visit our website for a list of the DVDs, books, and posters we loan out for two-week periods. There is no charge for our resources and loan materials.





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Volunteer Opportunities

1) Since it is becoming increasingly more difficult for Holocaust survivors and liberators to participate, we wish to expand our speaking network. We are currently seeking children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors and refugees, as well as concentration camp liberators, who are willing to visit schools, houses of worship and organizations to share the experiences of the Holocaust through eyewitness testimony of their parents/grandparents.

2) We need volunteer drivers who can provide safe and reliable transportation for our speakers to schools and other venues within an hour's drive of the Triangle. Mileage can be reimbursed.

3) Volunteers are needed to assist with this year's Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Day of Remembrance) program in April 2016. Graphic design, logistics, and venue assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering.

Visit the Dachau Ashes Monument

We encourage you to visit the Durham Hebrew Cemetery to view the Dachau Ashes burial site and sculpture created by **Mike Roig**, local award-winning sculptor. The monument can be visited by the public daily from 9 am to 4 pm at the Durham Hebrew Cemetery. Contact Sharon Halperin for more information. To download directions to the cemetery, [click here](#).

The photo above depicts Rabbi Jen Feldman (Chapel Hill Kehillah) Rabbi Daniel Greyber (Beth El Synagogue), and Sharon Halperin (Center for Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Education of North Carolina) at the monument's unveiling ceremony of the monument on April 26, 2015. Additional photos of the monument and unveiling ceremony can be viewed on our website, as well as the story about how the ashes came to Durham.



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