

# The Human Element Project

## Celebrating our third year working with victims and survivors of crimes against humanity around the globe.

The Human Element Project is proud to enter their third year of working with survivors of genocide and crimes against humanity. The project, inspired by my father, Siegfried Knop, a child survivor of the Holocaust works with survivors and their families to visually document their stories and create exhibitions that will insure that these important stories are told and those who died in the conflicts are never forgotten.

## The Human Element Project returns from Guatemala with powerful images and stories from survivors of the 1980s genocide.



In November 2016, The Human Element Project visited Comalapa and Guatemala City, Guatemala to work with over 50 families that were victims of the armed conflict/genocide of the 1980s. In each location, families gathered for a series of workshops and with the help of one-on-one facilitators, engaged in the process of painting memories of their loved ones and re-telling the stories of the horrific atrocities that occurred during the conflict.

We were sponsored by La Fundacion de Antropologia Forense de Guatemala (FAFG), a non-profit NGO whose aim is to work with victims' families to document and raise awareness about past and present human rights violations.

Ultimately the works of art will be curated into a traveling exhibition that will hopefully be seen around the globe. For more information visit: [www.fafg.org](http://www.fafg.org)

## The Jewish Museum of Maryland exhibit features the Holocaust Memory Reconstruction Project.



In June 2016, the Human Element Project traveled to Baltimore to hold a series of workshops with survivors and their families at the Jewish Museum of Maryland. Ninety-one survivors and their families participated to create powerful collages that tell their story of survival. Their work will be featured as part of the *Remembering Auschwitz: History, Holocaust, Humanity* exhibit at the Jewish Museum of Maryland beginning March 5, through May 29, 2017. To purchase a catalog or for more information, please visit, <http://jewishmuseummd.org>



## The Human Element Project and the American University of Paris work with middle eastern refugees.



Beginning January 2017, The Human Element Project will be traveling to Paris to work with middle eastern refugees to create visual stories and an exhibition that depicts their struggle to flee their countries. For more info visit: [www.aup.edu](http://www.aup.edu)

## The Jewish Holocaust Centre in Melbourne, Australia continues to gather stories and collages for the permanent installation in their new building.



In December 2015, The Human Element Project traveled to Melbourne, Australia to partner with the Jewish Holocaust Centre. Together with Holocaust survivors from the community, we held seven workshops and completed 115 exquisitely assembled collages that tell their stories from WWII to the present. Their work clearly reflects the pain and emotion each of them suffered through this very difficult time. We look forward to installing the permanent exhibit in the lobby of their new building.

For more information contact: <http://www.jhc.org.au>

## The Memory Reconstruction: A Sacred Culture Rebuilt exhibit is now on permanent display at the Beverly Hills Synagogue.



The Human Element Project worked with Holocaust survivors from Los Angeles, Long Beach and Las Vegas to create this powerful installation originally exhibited at the **Museum of Tolerance** in Los Angeles for Yom HaShoah. It is now installed in its permanent home at the Beverly Hills Synagogue, 9261 Alden Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. For more information contact: <http://beverlyhillssynagogue.org>

## The periodic table with the inclusion of the Human Element scheduled for installation in summer 2017

The Human Element Project was inspired by the rubric of the periodic table and explores an elemental hypothesis that while the elements in the periodic table hold the physical universe together, the human element is the force that holds our spirit, our hearts and our commonality together. A new installation of the periodic table that includes the Human Element will be permanently installed at Community Memorial Hospital in summer 2017.



## Interested in bringing a Human Element Project to your community? We would love to hear from you!



We extend our sincerest gratitude to the many individuals and organizations that have helped make our projects possible. If you would like to learn more or would like to bring our project to your community, please contact us. We would love to hear from you!

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Facebook to follow all our work, see the artwork and read the incredible stories of our participants.

### UPCOMING 2017 CALENDAR

January - Song of Songs and other Sacred Stories / UCLA Hillel

February - Workshops with the American University of Paris

March - Hu exhibit opening / Jewish Museum of Maryland

May - Exhibit opening at the American University of Paris

July - Returning to Guatemala to continue workshops

August - Opening of The Human Element installation, Ventura