

The Holocaust Center, Boston North

For the study of The Holocaust, Genocides, and Human Rights

Peabody Institute Library's Center for the Study of Human Rights

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The Goals of The Holocaust Center, Boston North are:

- **To reduce hatred, prejudice, ignorance and indifference through education.**
- **To prevent future tragedies through the universal lessons of this period.**

As long as any people are deprived of

THEIR dignity and human rights,

No one can be free.

[Click Here to Read Sonia Weitz's Newest Poem](#)

WHAT IS THE HOLOCAUST CENTER?

ANSWERS TO COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HISTORY

The Holocaust Center, Boston North, was created in 1982 to provide community awareness, information, audio-visual support, and education about the Nazi Holocaust in an attempt to prevent this history from repeating itself. The goal is to reduce hatred, prejudice, ignorance and indifference through education. The Holocaust Center is a non-profit organization overseen and advised by an interfaith board.

RESOURCES

- **More than 2000 books and over 300 videos for all ages are available for loan.**
- **The Holocaust Center offers a Speakers' Bureau of survivors, witnesses, and historians.**

PROGRAMS

- **The Holocaust Center provides programs and awareness sessions for the community including public and private schools, organizations, churches, and temples.**
- **The Holocaust Center is an affiliate of the Fortunoff Video Archives for Holocaust Testimonies at Yale University. To date, 100+ oral histories that will be used only for education have been recorded.**
- **The Holocaust Center offers a forum for survivors at the annual Survivors' Conference in cooperation with Facing History & Ourselves. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences with the public and in the classroom. Children of survivors are encouraged to attend. Held 10/18/01.**
- **The Holocaust Center offers an annual Human Rights Awareness Conference for High School students, grades 9-12 to increase awareness of past and present violations of human rights. Attendance has been to capacity of 800, held 10/17/01**

with Francis Bok, Freed Slave, Sudan; Anya Kornhauser, Holocaust Survivor; and Reverend Vartan Hartunian, Armenian Genocide Survivor.

- Area teens are invited to hear a survivor speak at the annual Interfaith Teen Program for grades 7 –12 featuring Max Michelson scheduled for Monday, 3/11/02. (Snow-date 3/18/02), 6:30 --8:00 P.M., Temple Ner Tamid, Peabody. Parents are encouraged to attend with their teenagers. Open to the public.
- Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) is annually commemorated with an interfaith community-wide program attended by 500-800 people. (4/07/02)
- A Conference for Clergy & Educators is offered in the late spring. In past years they have been held at Gordon College, at Merrimack College, and at The Holocaust Center. Scheduled for May 29, 2002.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT IN THE COURSE OF A SCHOOL YEAR, THE HOLOCAUST CENTER'S PROGRAMMING REACHES UPWARDS OF 50,000 PEOPLE DIRECTLY AND COUNTLESS OTHERS THROUGH THE MEDIA.

EDUCATION DOES NOT PROMOTE HATRED. IGNORANCE DOES!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- portable display panels: Many thanks to IRVING SACKS for generously donating display panels that will tour the area with original student art.
- ENDOWMENT CHAIR: We welcome MARCIA GLASSMAN-JAFFE as our new Endowment Chair.
- HOLOCAUST CENTER WEB: The site continues to grow under the supervision of Salem State Intern [MIKE SAPORITO](#). Look us up at: www.holocaustcenterbn.org
- INTERNS: Many thanks to our Gordon College interns, JANE MELLEMA and ELISSA LASLO.
- BOOKS FOR ALL AGES AVAILABLE: Books are available for loan during public library hours through the Noble Library System. Donations of books to The

Holocaust Center are greatly appreciated.

- **MEDIA COVERAGE: HARRIET WACKS, SONIA WEITZ, and [DR. CHRISTOPHER MAURIELLO](#)** were featured on Channel 7's Jewish Perspectives.
- **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE AVAILABLE FOR DISPLAY:** A copy of the Book of Remembrance is available for display at area churches, temples, and other public buildings. This book contains Holocaust survivors' testimonies beautifully created in calligraphy. A gift of \$1,250 or more will sponsor a page with a personal inscription. Please call **MARCIA GLASSMAN-JAFFE** at The Holocaust Center.
- **PROGRAMMING FOR FIFTH/SIXTH GRADES:** Many area elementary students were introduced to the Holocaust and the application of the lessons of this period to the present. The program includes discussion of the effects of stereotyping, scapegoating, ethnic jokes, name-calling, the swastika, etc.
- **HOLOCAUST CENTER HOURS:** The Center is staffed Monday through Friday, 10 A.M. --2 P.M. during the school year, and is housed at the Peabody Institute Library's Center for the Study of Human Rights, 82 Main St., Peabody. The Art Exhibit can be viewed and the books can be borrowed during regular library hours.
- **ALL-OCCASION CARDS:** To send a card in honor of a simcha, as a memorial, or for any occasion or to purchase cards in packages of ten, please call the Center. These cards are an investment for a better world. Thanks to **AUDREY WEINSTEIN** for so beautifully writing the cards.
- **PRESENT MEMORIES VIDEO:** Final editing is complete and the video should be available for purchase and distribution early in 2002. Additional funds are needed for the replication and distribution of this original educational resource that highlights 6 local survivors of the Holocaust.
- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** **HERBERT BELKIN** continues as The Holocaust Center Director of Remembrance, a newly formed Community Outreach Program. He will be speaking throughout the area about the Holocaust and the importance of memory.
- **ART COORDINATOR:** We welcome **BETHAMY WEINBERGER** as our new Art Coordinator. She will be responsible for selecting and scheduling the Center's traveling exhibit of student art.

YOM HASHOAH

Interfaith Commemoration

Sunday, April 7, 2002

4:00 P.M.

Peabody High School, Lowell Street, Peabody

Interfaith Memorial Service

Survivors' Candle-lighting Ceremony

Gordon College Women's Choir

Keynote Presentation

DR. PADRAIC O'HARE

Director of Center for Study of Jewish/Christian Relations

Merrimack College

Beginning at 3:00 P.M. (prior to the commemoration), there will be video presentations and an exhibit of "Art Projects on the HOLOCAUST" by North Shore students. RICHARD ADELMAN & SANDRA WEITZ are the Chairs for the event.

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