

**The Holocaust Center
Boston North Inc.**

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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NEWSLETTER

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**Remembering the past
to understand the present
so that there will be a future**

the legacy

survivors speak

“With love and guidance I learned not to hate.” Janet A.

“I still wonder how grass dare grow in Auschwitz.” Regina B

“I learned the difference between a gentile and a true

Christian” Anya K.

“To me the greatest gift is that of freedom” Gregor S.

“Each time I hold a Jewish baby, I feel a victory over Hitler.”

Sidi N.

“When there is food, I eat; a chair, I sit; a bed, I sleep.” Anon

“One person can make a difference.” Rena F.

“We must never allow ourselves to be too complacent. “

Joseph G.

“By keeping silent I was negating the very existence of those I

loved.” Eric K

“We must confront, not only with the victim and the victimizer,

but also the bystander” Sonia W.

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, their children, and grandchildren to share their experiences and discuss relevant issues at the annual **Survivors' Conference** in cooperation with Facing History. Held **9/17/02**.

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 **10/23/02** with **Francis Bok**, Freed Slave, Sudan; **ERIC kahn**, Holocaust Survivor; and **Samkhann Khoeun**, Cambodian Genocide Survivor.

Area teens are invited to hear a survivor speak at the annual **Interfaith Teen Program** for grades 7 –12 featuring **Dr. Maurice Vanderpol** scheduled for Monday, **3/31/03**. (Snow-date **4/07/03**), 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. To be held this year on **4/27/03** at Peabody Veterans Memorial High School.

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 2003.

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

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. Special thanks to **AUDREY WEINSTEIN** for so beautifully writing the cards.

CONGRATULATIONS DR. MARVIN WILSON was named B'nai Brith's Man of the Year and **SONIA WEITZ** was appointed to the United States Holocaust Museum's Memorial Council.

ART WORK The Holocaust Center is pleased to announce the acquisition of artist **RUTH PARKER'S** series "Holocaust Collection". An exhibit for the public is being planned.

THANK YOU ROBERT FINKEL and **RICHARD BAND** for your help and guidance during this year of transition.

Many thanks to our **INTERNS, DAN COUTIER and COURTNEY FITZGERALD** (Gordon College) and **CAROLYN SULLIVAN** (North Shore Community College).

BOOKS FOR ALL AGES are available for loan during public library hours through the Noble Library System. Donations of books to The Holocaust Center are greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU Ed Bromberg for donating a computer.

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.

PRESENT MEMORIES The original educational video that highlights 6 local Holocaust survivors will be available for purchase and distribution early in 2003. **Pre-distribution orders are currently being taken.** Additional funds are needed for continued replication and distribution.

***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.

YOM HASHOAH
Interfaith Commemoration

Sunday, April 27, 2003
4:00 P.M.

Peabody High School, Lowell Street, Peabody

Interfaith Memorial Service
Survivors' Candle-lighting Ceremony
Gordon College Women's Choir
Holocaust Center Service Award Presented to Rena Finder

Keynote Presentation
Medical /Ethical Lessons From the Nazi Era
DR. MICHAEL FRANZBLAU
Lecturer, Activist, Professor of Medicine

Peabody Library Youth Chorus

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 area artists of all ages. **RICHARD ADELMAN & SANDRA WEITZ** are the Chairs for the event.

The Holocaust Center, Boston North, Inc. is a beneficiary of the **Friends of the Holocaust Center** and **The Jewish Federation of the North Shore Inc.** We gratefully acknowledge the generous support thus far (from 7/02 --11/02) of 100 families/individuals for the fiscal year, 7/1/02-6/30/03.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RENEWED YOUR 2002 - 03 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (FROM JULY 1—JUNE 30), PLEASE DISREGARD THE ENCLOSED REMITTANCE ENVELOPE.

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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.

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