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CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST AWARENESS AND INFORMATION

Forging New Lives After the Holocaust Rochester's Survivor Community



World War II and the extermination of six million Jews left survivors with the extraordinary task of beginning again amid great tragedy and loss. Yet they did, forging ahead to build lives of dignity and distinction.

Join us on Wednesday, April 18th for the annual community commemoration of Yom HaShoah - remembrance

of the Holocaust - sponsored by CHAI and held at 7:00 PM at the Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Avenue. The program is free of charge and all are welcome.



Phyllis Kasdin

The theme of the program is "Forging New Lives After the Holocaust, Rochester's Survivor Community." Hear about local survivors' experiences with **Phyllis Kasdin,** author of *The Future Begins with the Past: An Archives Exhibit of Jewish Rochester.* Learn about the Rochester Jewish community's efforts to begin to understand the pain of survivors and how to acknowledge them, as well as acknowledge those who perished.

Also featured will be a panel of teens, Michal Adar, Allia

 ${\bf Calkins, \, Brandon \, \, Davis, \, Andrea \, \, Fenster \, \, and \, \, Andrew \, \, Narotsky, \, \, who \, \, went \, \, on \, \, }$

the Federation's Journey for Identity from Rochester to Poland and Israel; Eastman School of Music double bass player Julia Shulman; Rabbi Sarah Freidson-King; and Hazzan Martin Leubitz.

For more information about Holocaust remembrance programming, go to jewishrochester.org or call CHAI Director Bonnie Abrams, 461-0490, ext. 8648.





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Yom HaShoah in the Community

Monroe Community College
Holocaust, Genocide and
Human Rights Project
22nd Annual Commemoration
Thursday, April 26, 2012
9:30 AM - 2 PM
Candle Lighting, Calling of Names
Campus Center Atrium

Personal Testimonies of Survivors 10:30 to 2 PM

Campus Center Forum (3-130) Contact: Saul Schuster, 797-7285

University of Rochester
Monday, April 9, 2012
4:30 - 6:30 PM
Henry Silberstern, Survivor
Interfaith Chapel
Contact: Rosa Abrahams,
703-2897

Rochester Institute of Technology Wednesday, May 2, 2012 4:00 - 6:00 PM Eva Abrams, Survivor

Center for Religious Life at RIT Contact: Kourtney Spaulding, 703-6090

Image City Photography Gallery April 18 - May 13, 2012 "The Ghosts of Auschwitz-Birkenau" by photographer Cole Thompson

722 Unversity Avenue

Sunday, April 22, 2012 12Noon - 4:00 PM Reception Hosted by CHAI with Eva Abrams, Survivor 2:00 PM: Cole Thompson

Contact: Bonnie Abrams, 461-0490, ext. 8648

Annual Scholars' Conference

This year Monroe Community College will host, for the first time, the Annual Scholars Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches (ASC)—the oldest interdisciplinary, interfaith, and international gathering on this topic in the United States. Educators, community leaders and all those interested are invited to participate in this discussion of the latest in Holocaust research at the 42nd Annual Scholars' Conference at MCC, May 12-14. 2012.

Plenary and breakout sessions will feature scholars from around the world, including historians, theologians, philosophers, teachers, and poets, reflecting on the Holocaust and the response of the churches to the rise of German National Socialism (1933-1945), while focusing upon this year's conference theme: 70 Years Later: The Lingering Shadow of Wannsee.

You can choose to attend only the final keynote address and community program, "Is the Shoah the Perfect Storm of Genocide?" featuring Michael Berenbaum, of the Sigi Ziering Institute at the American Jewish University, on Monday, May 14th at 7 PM in the MCC Theatre, Building 4, at a cost of \$7 per person.

Further information and registration for the conference can be found at ascconf.org.

Nazi Prosecution of Homosexuals

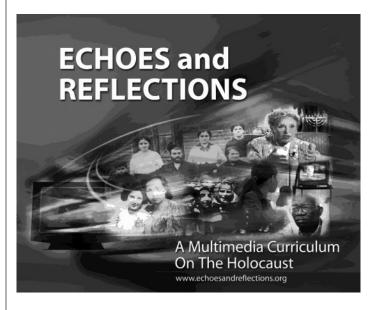
Volunteers Needed -- The Jewish Community Center of Greater Rochester and the Gay Alliance of Genessee Valley will present the exhibit, "Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945," hosted by the JCC, 1200 Edgewood Avenue, from May 23 to July 22, 2012.

Although the Jews were foremost among Hitler's socalled racial enemies, many other groups were targets of persecution and murder under the Nazis' ideology, including Germans with mental and physical disabilities, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Roma ("Gypsies"), Poles, and Soviet prisoners of war. This traveling exhibition on the persecution of homosexuals comes from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Volunteers are needed at the entrance to welcome visitors and answer general questions. Shifts are available Wednesdays - Sundays. For further information, contact volunteers@jccrochester.org.



Echoes and Reflections Training for Educators



CHAI will offer a one-day "Echoes and Reflections" training program for teachers of high school students (adaptable for those who teach younger age groups) on **Friday, May 11th** from 9 AM-3 PM at the Jewish Federation, 441 East Ave. This opportunity is free of charge and continuing education credits from Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jersualem, are offered.

Presented by Stephanie McMahon-Kaye of Yad Vashem, Echoes and Reflections is the result of a partnership between the Anti-Defamation League, the USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education, and Yad Vashem. This resource includes everything teachers need to teach the complex issues of the Holocaust and its lessons for today. Learn more at echoesandreflections.org. Contact Bonnie Abrams to register, babrams@jewishrochester.org.

Interschool Program

Learning from the Holocaust: Challenging Persecution of "The Other" Interschool Program for 8-12th Grade Students and their Teachers

Wednesday, May 30, 2012
9 AM to 12 Noon
Jewish Community Center • 1200 Edgewood Avenue, Brighton
Free of charge but space is limited

The Jewish Community Center is hosting the US Holocaust Memorial Museum Exhibit, "Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945," May 23 - July 22 (see page 2). This year's CHAI interschool program will connect today's issues of gay-bashing and bullying to the USHMM Exhibit.

Our speaker will be Dr. Hal Lanse, author of *Read Well, Think Well* and *Keys2Teaching LGBT Students*. Dr. Lanse spent 15 years as an english and history teacher and ten years as a staff developer/literacy coach in New York City schools.

The program will include touring of the exhibit and curriculum developed by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and the USC Shoah Foundation. There will also be Holocaust survivors present who will light candles with students who will have the opportunity to present a poem or other reading.

Please contact Bonnie Abrams at 241-8648 or babrams@jewishrochester.org for further information.



Registration Form

Challenging Persecution of "The Other" - Interschool Program

Teacher's Name:
Subject taught:
School:
Grade
E-mail address & phone number:
Please register my class for the May 30th Interschool Workshop # of students
I have students who wish to be considered for presentations / candle lighting

Registrations will be accepted in the order in which they are received. Please email your registration to soutlaw@jewishrochester.org or mail to: Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester, Attn: CHAI, 441 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607.



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CHAI Resources

Library & Media Center

The Center is a repository for resources on the Holocaust including 1,500 books, 400 videos and DVDs, 6 poster series and 70 survivor testimonies on audio and video tape. The library also contains a wide collection of pedagogical materials (curricula, study guides and course outlines) for those interested in teaching about the Holocaust and/or related subjects of discrimination; artifacts and original photographs collected from area survivors. Most materials are available for loan.

Services to Schools

The Center works with over 70 area schools and colleges to provide speakers as part of its Survivors in the Classroom project. Last year more than 17,000 students heard survivors give eyewitness testimony. We are also creating traveling trunk exhibits to provide schools when our survivors are no longer able to speak.

Teacher Training

CHAI offers an annual workshop for educators. Among the workshops we have held are the Anti-Defamation League's World of Difference Curriculum (in conjunction with the Strong Museum); Anne Frank in the World Exhibit: The Courage to Care Project: and a two-day Institute on Ethnic Hatred (in collaboration with SUNY Brockport and the George Eastman House). CHAI collaborates on programming with Monroe Community College's Holocaust Genocide Studies Project and The Interfaith Holocaust Study Group. The Center also arranges professional growth opportunities at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC and administers the Barbara G. Appelbaum Holocaust Educator Award for study at Yad Vashem.

The Center for Holocaust Awareness and Information (CHAI) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester is dedicated to the memory of the six million Jews who were murdered during the Holocaust. The Center is a testimony to the vanished European Jewish communities, the Jewish resistance fighters and the righteous among the nations who did not stand by in silence. CHAI is committed to the advancement of public awareness of the Holocaust and its lessons as well as to the broader issues of prejudice, racism and human rights. You can visit CHAI online at the Federation's website.

www.jewishrochester.org/CHAI

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