



Jewish Federation
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Holocaust Education Newsletter

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Featuring upcoming programs and films in addition to recommended educational resources

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Save the Dates
Spring 2017

Jewish Federation JCRC programs

Annual Philadelphia Holocaust Memorial Ceremony

Sunday, April 23, 2017, 1 PM

16th Street and the Parkway, Philadelphia

Youth Symposium on the Holocaust

March 2017 – various dates

Widely acclaimed educational program for public, parochial and private high school students designed to teach young people about the universal lessons of the Holocaust, including the destructive nature of prejudice and the need for courage in the face of injustice and tyranny. The program will be offered on three separate days in different locations includes discussions with Holocaust survivors and an educational workshop for teachers.

Mordechai Anielewicz Creative Arts Competition and Exhibition

Due date for entries: March 10, 2017

This creative arts competition provides an opportunity for middle and high school students from public, parochial and private schools from throughout the region to respond to the lessons of the Holocaust and the related issues of ethnic, racial and religious intolerance through creative expression of various forms of art: poetry, prose, painting, sculpture, music, dance and video. Exhibition takes place in early June.

For information about Jewish Federation's JCRC Holocaust Programs, please contact Beth Razin: brazin@jewishphilly.org or [215-832-0536](tel:215-832-0536).

47th Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches

March 11-13, 2017

Temple University

"Post-Holocaust Wisdom in the Face of Terror and Fear: Lessons for a Wounded World", in observation of the centennial of co-founder Franklin H. Littell's birth. For further information see <http://asconf.org>

November Community Programming

Tuzman Holocaust Teach-In, in Commemoration of Kristallnacht Sunday, November 13, 2016, 1:30-5:45 PM

Gratz College, Melrose Park, PA
Deborah Lipstadt, Keynote Speaker
"Holocaust Denial: History on Trial"

Program includes two breakout sessions following the keynote address and special opportunity for Echoes and Reflections training for teachers. Professional development hours/credits available for PA and NJ teachers and attorneys. For all details, brochure and registration, see <http://www.gratz.edu/news/entry/deborah-lipstadt-at-gratz-for-holocaust-teach-in-inbox-x>
Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations

Thursday, November 10, 7 PM

Saint Joseph's University

Large Lapsley Room, Haub Executive Suite, 5th Floor McShain Hall

For details, see www.sju.edu/ijcr

"Quarantine in the Prague Ghetto: Jewish-Christian Relations in a Time of Plague"

with Dr. Joshua Teplitsky, co-sponsored with the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at UPenn.

Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival 36

For details, see <http://pjff.org/2016-2017-festival-lineup/>

Karski & The Lords of Humanity

Wednesday, November 9, 8 PM

National Museum of American Jewish History

Documentary exploration of renowned Polish resistance member who witnessed and communicated the horrors of the genocide to Western leaders.

Every Face Has a Name

Tuesday, November 15, noon

Gershman Y

Visuals of unidentified camp survivors arriving in Sweden in 1945 are given life through filmmaker's contemporary interviews. Award-winning film interweaves present-day images of war evacuees from Africa and Middle East.

Germans and Jews

Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 PM

Gershman Y

Exploration of modern-day Germany through personal accounts of German Jews, non-Jewish Germans and recent immigrants, from post-Holocaust response to attempts at reconciliation.

The Kozalchic Affair

Wednesday, November 16, noon

Har Zion Temple, Penn Valley, PA

Son of two Holocaust survivors living in Israel discovers the true identity of his father, a Jewish Kapo in Auschwitz. Additional screening, *And Then, Violence*, is based on the terror attacks in Paris.

Shalom Italia

Thursday, November 17, 11 AM

Gershman Y

Three Italian Jewish brothers reunite with hopes of discovering the cave where the family hid during the Nazi occupation. Poignant and lively documentary of memory and re-bonding through robust conversation and Italian meals. Special event: post-film discussion and Italian brunch.

Additional Films of Interest

Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War. New documentary, co-directed by Ken Burns and Artemis Joukowsky, describes the life-threatening missions by an American Unitarian minister and his wife to rescue hundreds of political dissidents and Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi occupation from both Prague and Vichy France. (90 minutes) Companion book by Joukowsky, grandson of the Sharps, Beacon Press, 2016. Related lesson plans available through Facing History and Ourselves <https://www.facinghistory.org/defying-nazis>

Denial. Dramatization of legal battle between Holocaust historian Deborah Lipstadt and denier David Irving, British law demanding that Lipstadt counter Irving's accusation of libel by proving the truth of her assertion that he denied the Holocaust. (110 minutes) Original publication at center of controversy Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory, Free Press, 1993; followed by History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier, Ecco, 2005, re-issued as Denial: Holocaust History on Trial, Ecco, 2016.

In the Monument. Online documentary tracing the evolution of Holocaust-inspired monuments and the challenge of commemoration through public art, narrated by renowned artists, scholars and architects. (52 minutes) See <http://inthemonument.com> For classroom or public use, DVD available through Interfilm Productions <http://www.interfilm.ca/educationalInTheMonument.htm>

The Boys of '36, PBS American Experience. Nine working-class young men from the University of Washington capture the gold medal for rowing at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, victorious against their Ivy League competitors to represent the U.S. and the elite German rowers. (60 minutes). Inspired by Daniel James Brown's best seller *The Boys in the Boat*; Penguin Books, 2014. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/boys36/>

No Asylum: The Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story. Award-winning documentary based on Otto Frank's recently discovered letters desperately seeking asylum for his family. Including archival footage, photography and new interviews with surviving members of the Frank family, film serves as call to action to aid in current refugee crisis (72 minutes). <http://noasylumfilm.com>

A Nazi Legacy: What Our Fathers Did. With human-rights lawyer Philippe Sands, son of survivors, Niklas Frank and Horst von Waechter, both sons of high-ranking Nazi officials, travel through Europe attempting to confront the sins of their fathers. Powerful supplement is Philippe Sand's book *East West Street: On the Origins of "Genocide" and "Crimes Against Humanity"*; Alfred A. Knopf, 2016.

Educational Resources

Essentials of Holocaust Education: Fundamental Issues and Approaches, eds. Samuel Totten and Stephen Feinberg; Routledge, 2016. Comprehensive collection of articles by scholars, senior Holocaust educators and classroom teachers offering both conceptual and pragmatic approaches to Holocaust education.

Prelude to the Holocaust: Pogrom – November 1938: Testimonies from 'Kristallnacht', ed. Ruth Levitt; Souvenir Press, 2015, in association with The Wiener Library for the Study of Holocaust & Genocide. Extensive website featuring over 350 eyewitness accounts gathered immediately after the 1938 November Pogrom, now translated into English and supplemented by glossary, index and previously unpublished historical images. <http://wienerlibrarycollections.co.uk/novemberpogrom/home>

Salvaged Pages: Young Writers' Diaries of the Holocaust -- Multimedia Edition by Alexandra Zapruder; Yale University Press, 2015. Fully revised and updated second edition of award-winning collection of diaries written by young people during the Holocaust. E-book version includes new content – photographs, images of original diaries, documents, maps, survivor testimony and video of author teaching key passages. Supplemental interdisciplinary curriculum available through Facing History and Ourselves <https://www.facinghistory.org/teaching-salvaged-pages>

Books for Advanced Readers

After the Holocaust the Bells Still Ring by Joseph Polak, forward by Elie Wiesel; Urim Publications, 2015. Powerful memoir of survival, both of concentration camps and of post-war struggle to re-enter the world. Rabbi Polak brings reader into his experience as a toddler together with his mother, in highly acclaimed winner of 2015 National Jewish Book Award.

The Archive Thief: The Man Who Salvaged French Jewish History in the Wake of the Holocaust by Lisa Moses Leff; Oxford University Press, 2015. Gripping portrait of Jewish scholar who gathered thousands of European Jewish documents and brought them to safety in the U.S. during the war. Part detective story, part analysis of how history is constructed. 2015 National Jewish Book Award Finalist.

Irena's Children: The Extraordinary Story of the Woman who Saved 2,500 Children from the Warsaw Ghetto by Tilar J. Mazzeo; Gallery Books, 2016.

Riveting account of Irena Sendler's rescue of Warsaw Ghetto children, detailed through her memoirs, testimonies and interviews with the now-elderly children she saved. Named Righteous Among the Nations, Sendler put her life at risk to arrange rescue and placement of the children and document their names so their identity would not be lost.

******Irena's Children: Young Readers Edition; A True Story of Courage***, adapted by Mary Cronk Farrell, Margaret K.; bt McElderry Books, 2016. Grade 6+

Adolfo Kaminsky: A Forger's Life by Sarah Kaminsky; DoppelHouse Press, 2016.

Biographical account of author's father, who as a young man, escaped Auschwitz and hid in plain sight in Paris, forging documents for the Resistance, saving approximately 14,000 from deportation.

The Holocaust: History and Memory by Jeremy M. Black, Indiana University Press 2016. Noted scholar emphasizes broad range of involvement in the Final Solution, dismissing claim of ignorance by German population. Black analyzes various ways the Holocaust has been remembered (or not remembered) and memorialized in U.S., Britain, Germany and Eastern Europe.

Books for High School and above

Girl in the Blue Coat by Monica Hesse; Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2016.

Coming-of-age narrative of Dutch teen set against backdrop of the brutal conditions of Nazi occupation, moving from the black market to dangerous work with underground student resistance. Grade 9+

Lalechka by Amira Keidar; CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2015.

A young Polish Jewish mother and infant daughter are protected by her childhood friends in the Siedlce Ghetto. Her journal, written during the ghetto's annihilation, forms the base of this acclaimed novel together with interviews, documents and letters. Grade 9+

The Girl from the Train by Irma Joubert

My Mother's Secret: A Novel Based on a True Holocaust Story by J.L. Witterick; Berkley, 2014. Risking their lives, a Polish mother and daughter hide two Jewish families

in their home, as well as a defecting German soldier. Told from the perspective of each group, as they remain completely unknown to the others. Based on the 2009 documentary "The No. 4 Street of Our Lady". 2013 National Jewish Book Award Winner.

Recent memoirs by Philadelphia Survivors

Feeling Great and Grateful: My Journey Through the Holocaust and Beyond by Erica Herz Van Adelsberg; Amazon Digital Services, 2015. German-born child moves for safety to the Netherlands with her family, only to be deported at age 13 to Westerbork and Bergen-Belsen. Emphasizes details of her post-war life and her determination to tell her story and its' lessons.

Remember, My Child by Itka Frajman Zygmuntowicz; McNally Jackson Books, 2016. Polish-born teenager is torn from her close-knit shtetl and eventually deported to Auschwitz. Author details not only traumatic loss of her family, but their loving impact on her as a child which has enabled her to bear witness without hatred.