

Holocaust Education *Matters*

HERC is launching a new project and looking for a program coordinator. "Pieces of the Past" will start in the fall as a community group of children and grandchildren of survivors to share a story. Do you have a photo, ring, comb, or anything to share? These meaningful items will create an education opportunity for the next generation. This will not take many hours and we need help with planning. If you know someone, contact us please. On May 2nd, Holocaust Remembrance Day, was commemorated with the community featured guest speaker Dr. Dan Leshem. He shared emotional stories of carrying on the legacy to the next generation.

This issue is dedicated to Anne Allen, 89, of Tallahassee, passed away on May 9, 2019 three days before her 90th birthday. Born in



Mural Unveiling event at TCC

Budapest, Hungary, Anne Allen was a woman with a fierce determination and a powerful moral compass who refused to bow to injustice and accept limitations. She was the loving daughter of Bela and Margret Berend and sister to George Berend. As a young girl,

she survived the Holocaust, refusing to wear the Yellow Star of David. Her quick thinking not only saved her life but the lives of succeeding generations.

The Teacher Conference planned June 10-11th presented by

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Yom HaShoah Guest Speaker, Dr. Dan Leshem



Children of Holocaust Survivors

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From Swastika to Jim Crow



In today's world, questions of how to best build and maintain democratic societies that are pluralistic, open, and resilient to violence are more relevant than ever.

Studying the Holocaust using Facing History's approach allows students to wrestle with profound moral questions raised by history today and fosters their skills in ethical reasoning, critical thinking, empathy, and civic engagement



– all of which are critical for sustaining democracy. This workshop, featuring Facing History's *Holocaust and Human Behavior* resource and in collaboration with Holocaust Education Resource Council, Florida State University Holocaust Institute, and College of Motion Picture Torchlight Program will enable you as an educator to support your own adult learning and provide strategies that can be used with your students. We will highlight ideas (and misconceptions) of race in Nazi Germany and in the United States in preparation for a special film screening and discussion.

As an integral part of the workshop, on the evening of June 11, we will view the film *From Swastika to Jim*



Crow, followed by a discussion with producers Joel Sucher and Steven Fischler and moderated by Facing History's Phredd MatthewsWall. This documentary tells the little-known story of Jewish intellectuals who escaped Nazi Germany to the United States in the 1930s, only to confront antisemitism at American universities. Many of the professors secured teaching positions at traditionally black colleges in the then-segregated South.

June 10-11, 2019

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Tallahassee Community College

Workforce Development
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, Florida

Film screening at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 11 at:
CMX Cinemas Fallschase
147 Vermillion Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida

Facilitator:

Phredd MatthewsWall

Senior Associate Program

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Facing History and Ourselves

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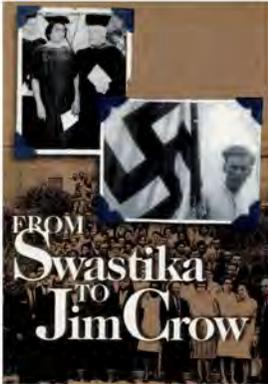
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From Swastika to Jim Crow



When: Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

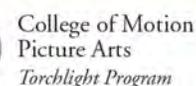
Where: CMX Cinemas at Fallschase
147 Vermillion Blvd.

The Holocaust Education Resource Council (HERC) and FSU Film School's Torchlight Program are proud to announce the 2019 Holocaust Education Conference, which is scheduled to take place on Monday and Tuesday, June 10-11th, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm on the Tallahassee Community College campus in the Workforce Development Conference Room. This year's program will feature the documentary film *From Swastika to Jim Crow*, which tells the little-known story of two very different cultures that share a common burden of oppression. This is the story of Jewish intellectuals who were able to escape Nazi Germany and immigrate to the U.S. where they were confronted with anti-Semitism and public distrust. This group ultimately sought refuge in an unlikely place; the traditionally-black colleges of the segregated South. Securing teaching positions, these scholars came to form lasting relationships with their students, and made significant contributions to the communities they served. The film is based on the book of the same title by Gabrielle Simon Edgcomb.



Join us after the film for discussion with Directors Steven Fischler and Joe Sucher.

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My View by Gil Ziffer

Four years ago, as part of a college graduation gift, I took my younger son to a reunified Berlin.



It is a magnificent city, full of energy, life, commerce and cultural activities – entirely different than the divided Berlin I had visited previously as a 10 year old.

Since the Wall came down in 1989, Berlin has been rebuilt and its wide tree-lined avenues are full of overcrowded cafés and shops that could just as easily be in Chicago or New York. We enjoyed our few days there and spoke often of returning, which I have done since then.

On our final evening, we visited the just opened Holocaust Memorial, which is called “The Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe.” Located in the center of Berlin, its 4.7 acres are crowded with thousands of crypt-like pillars of differing heights, with the actual exhibit underground.

We walked down a long stairwell and experienced the Memorial. I say experienced because it traces the lives of several Jewish families during the rise of Germany and through the War. While most perished, the survivors were scattered throughout Europe, with few ever seeing family members again.

The impact was so significant, we were both relieved to be leaving the following day. While rationally we knew this was not the Berlin of the ‘30s and ‘40s, we were Jews in the city where leaders had plotted

and succeeded in systematically eradicating six million innocent men, women and children.

Which brings me to why I believe “Never Forget” applies to all of us, even in Tallahassee.

The Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe sits just below the surface, hidden from view, as hate and prejudice lies just below the surface in people, groups and even societies today. And while we sometimes can’t see it or don’t feel affected by it, we can never forget it is still there. It doesn’t have to manifest itself in the form of genocide or ethnic cleansing, it also applies to hate and prejudice that perpetuates the differences between people rather than what we share.

No matter your religion, race, color or economic situation, we must all be vigilant in rooting out behavior that favors one group over



The Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe

another. If we are to grow and thrive as a community, we must do it together. We must be willing to offer help to those who need it, be understanding and accepting of people with lifestyles that may be unlike our own and recognize that we all are entitled to see things differently.

We must “Never Forget” that even when everything around us appears to be fine, the darker side of hate and prejudice may be just one stairwell away.

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Facing History and Ourselves is the leading educational organization empowering students across the United States to confront bigotry by teaching them what it means to be an “upstander” – rather than a bystander – to history. Resources will be provided tied to lessons on the Holocaust, human behavior, and the fragility of democracy – all tools to help students explore the complexities of the past, make connections to current events, and consider how they personally can make a difference today.

On April 28th, many people came for the new mural unveiling as President Murdaugh gave welcome remarks and shared a vision with TCC. Everyone is invited to see the image that teaches history through art. The design aims to communicate themes of resilience and hope, while also acknowledging the history behind the unspeakable atrocities of the Holocaust. The children in the foreground are seen nurturing vibrant green grass that is seen growing from the train tracks of Auschwitz, while also watering blue iris flowers, which are symbolic of faith and hope. The message of life and hope teaching the next generation. Many thanks to Dr. David Gussak of FSU Art Therapy Program and all the talented students. With much appreciation to the TCC Facilities team that helped make this possible.

Join us to continue the important mission to educate. Help now!

Barbara



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ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DINNER

Stand Up, Speak Out – Make the World a Better Place



Thursday, October 10, 2019 ♦ Reception 5:30 pm ♦ Dinner 6:30 pm

NEW LOCATION: Goodwood Carriage House ♦ 1600 Miccosukee Road

FREE Parking at the Goodwood Museum & Gardens

Author: James Grymes

VIOLINS OF HOPE

Musicologist James A. Grymes will discuss his book, *Violins of Hope: Instruments of Hope and Liberation in Mankind's Darkest Hour*. An inspiring testament to the strength of the human spirit and the power of music, *Violins of Hope* tells the remarkable stories of violins played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust. Israeli violin maker, Amnon Weinstein, is dedicated to bringing these inspirational instruments back to life. *Violins of Hope* is the winner of 2014 National Jewish Book Award in the Holocaust category.

Blending stories from *Violins of Hope* with scenes from the documentary *Amnon's Journey*, Dr. Grymes will discuss the various roles the violin played in Jewish lives during the Holocaust. For some musicians the instrument was a liberator; for others it was a savior that spared their lives. For many the violin provided comfort in mankind's darkest hour and in at least one case helped avenge murdered family members. Above all, the violins of the Holocaust represented strength and optimism for the future. Wherever there were violins, there was hope.



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Individual Tickets are \$100.00 each

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Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

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I am interested in information on these HERC committees:

Book club _____ Film Series _____ Holocaust Remembrance _____

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Teacher Workshop _____ Membership _____

MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO:

- Attend programs, films, and scholars' lectures – at reduced rates or no charge
- Receive notice of ongoing programs and invitations to special events
- Borrow from our extensive collection of Holocaust books, media, research files, and curricula
- Affirm your personal commitment to our mission and help us reach our goal

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