

## News Facebook Bans Holocaust Denial

As many of you have heard, Holocaust survivors achieved a major victory with Facebook’s October 12th announcement that it is removing Holocaust denial and distortion from its platforms. Each day for the past 75 days, in the first-ever, survivor-led digital campaign #NoDenyingIt, Holocaust survivors bravely came forward to directly address Mark Zuckerberg, telling him that Holocaust denial is antisemitic hate speech. The Claims Conference played a role in bringing the voices of survivors to the table. We’re grateful that so many survivors – and the families and friends who support them – have been willing to speak out against online hate.

In reaching its decision, Facebook took note of the recent survey – which revealed the disturbing fact that nearly one-quarter (23%) of U.S. Millennials and Gen Z (U.S. adults between 18-39) believe the Holocaust is a

myth and did not happen. This survey also found that nearly one-half (49%) of these young adults have seen Holocaust denial and distortion on social media. With

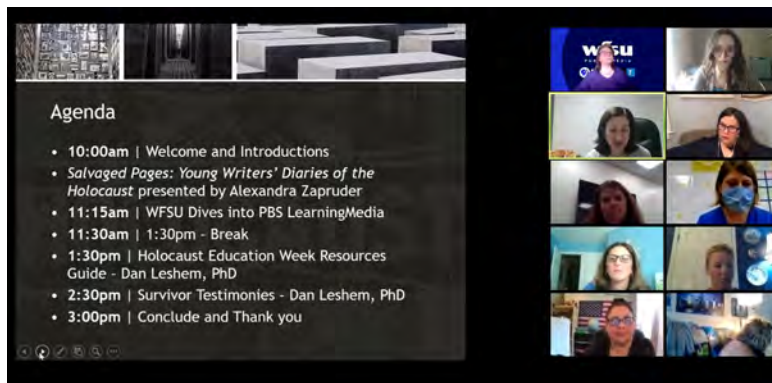
all over the state. The speakers presented literature and testimonies as a primary resource tool to prepare them for Holocaust Education Week beginning

November 9th as designated by the Florida Legislature. It was an emotional moment when one of the teachers knew the survivor, Kurt Messerschmidt, giving his testimony about Kristallnacht. It was a meaningful connection that made the day impactful as a

lesson to remember.

The Metropolitan Museum just opened a virtual exhibit featuring The Birkenau Paintings by the German artist Gerhard Richter (b. 1932) who has explored the material, conceptual, and

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*Thanks to WFSU for Your Partnership and Support.*

Facebook’s enormous ability to influence public understanding of the Holocaust, Facebook’s decision to remove Holocaust denial and distortion is an important first step. Facebook has pledged that later this year, it will “direct anyone to credible information off Facebook if they search for terms associated with the Holocaust or its denial.”

On October 5th, our virtual workshop partnered with WFSU, was attended by 58 teachers from

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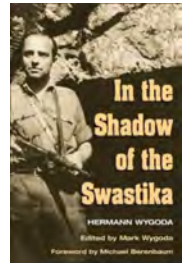


# HERC Invites You to Our Virtual Events for Statewide Recognition of Holocaust Education Week November 9th-12th



**Monday, November 9 – 6:30pm** – Dr. Mark Wygoda, speaks about “*In the Shadow of the Swastika*”, a book based upon his father’s memoirs of WWII. He was known first as a Warsaw ghetto smuggler, then as Comandante Enrico. He traveled under false identity papers and worked at a German border patrol station. Throughout the years of the Holocaust, Hermann Wygoda lived a life of narrow escapes, daring masquerades, and battles that almost defy reason.

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**Tuesday, November 10 – 7pm** – Dr. Oren Baruch Stier – *Professor of Religious Studies and Director, FIU Holocaust and Genocide Studies Program*  
*Kristallnacht: The End of the Beginning and the Beginning of the End*  
The state-sponsored, “spontaneous,” premeditated pogrom on November 9-10, 1938 – known widely as *Kristallnacht*, or the Night of Broken Glass – represents both a historic and symbolic turning point in the Nazi assault against European Jewry. Commemorated widely, it remains relevant to anyone interested in understanding the evolution of hate. Join FIU’s Oren Stier and HERC as we explore the significance of this date and reflect on why it continues to matter.



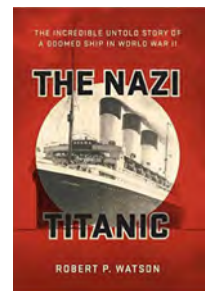
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**Thursday, November 12 – 6:30pm** – Dr. Robert Watson author  
*The Nazi Titanic: The Incredible Untold Story of a Doomed Ship in World War II.*  
Built in 1927, the German ocean liner SS Cap Arcona was the greatest ship since the RMS Titanic and one of the most celebrated luxury liners in the world. When the Nazis seized control in Germany, she was stripped down for use as a floating barracks and troop transport. In the Third Reich’s final days, the ill-fated ship was packed with thousands of concentration camp prisoners. Just days before Germany surrendered, the Cap Arcona was mistakenly bombed by the British Royal Air Force and nearly all of the concentration camp prisoners were killed in the last major tragedy of the Holocaust.

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historical implications of painting throughout his six-decade career. The Birkenau series (2014) encapsulates his long-standing interest in art's ability to reckon with issues of identity and collective memory, particularly in the context of post – World War II Germany. In the four paintings, Richter confronts the question of whether – and how – art is able to address the history of the Holocaust.

<https://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/listings/2020/birkenau-gerhard-richter>

HERC will honor Mary Ann Deitchman who passed away in March, by dedicating our November 10th program in her memory. Through her remarkable dedication to support Holocaust education and as past Vice-President, she understood the importance of teaching tolerance and respect to everyone. Please consider giving a donation in her honor to continue HERC's important mission and remember how special Mary Ann Deitchman was to this community.

The wonderful *Food Glorious*

*Food* has always supported HERC. They have agreed to enhance Holocaust Education Week by offering a Jewish meal the night of our program on November 10th. The meal will be available by preorder and pick up only. The details of menu and cost will follow soon. We hope you will consider ordering a meal as your support of a local business during this pandemic.



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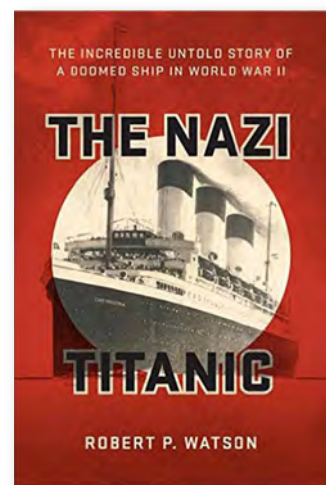
# *The Nazi Titanic*

by Robert P. Watson

Join Midtown Reader and the Holocaust Education Resource Council for a conversation with Robert P. Watson, author of *THE NAZI TITANIC: The Incredible Untold Story of a Doomed Ship in WWII*.

Order the book at [midtownreader.com](http://midtownreader.com):

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## About The Book

*The Nazi Titanic* is the riveting and astonishing account of the German ocean liner SS Cap Arcona, the enigmatic ship that played a devastating role in World War II and the Holocaust.

“ . . . a superb marriage of deep research and first class storytelling – a fascinating tale of a German luxury liner whose fate eerily and tragically mirrored that of the Third Reich.”

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## About The Author

Robert P. Watson, PhD, has published three dozen nonfiction books, two encyclopedia sets, three novels, and hundreds of scholarly journal articles, book chapters, and reference essays on topics in politics and history. A frequent media commentator, Watson has been interviewed by outlets throughout the United States and internationally and serves as the political analyst for WPTV 5 (NBC) in Florida. For many years he was also a Sunday columnist with the Sun-Sentinel newspaper. An award-winning author, Watson's recent books include *The Presidents' Wives*; *Affairs of the State*; and *America's First Crisis*, which received the 2014 Gold Medal in History from the Independent Publishers' Association (IPPY). He is a Distinguished Professor of American History at Lynn University.

**Time: Nov 12, 2020 6:30 pm**

Registration:

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