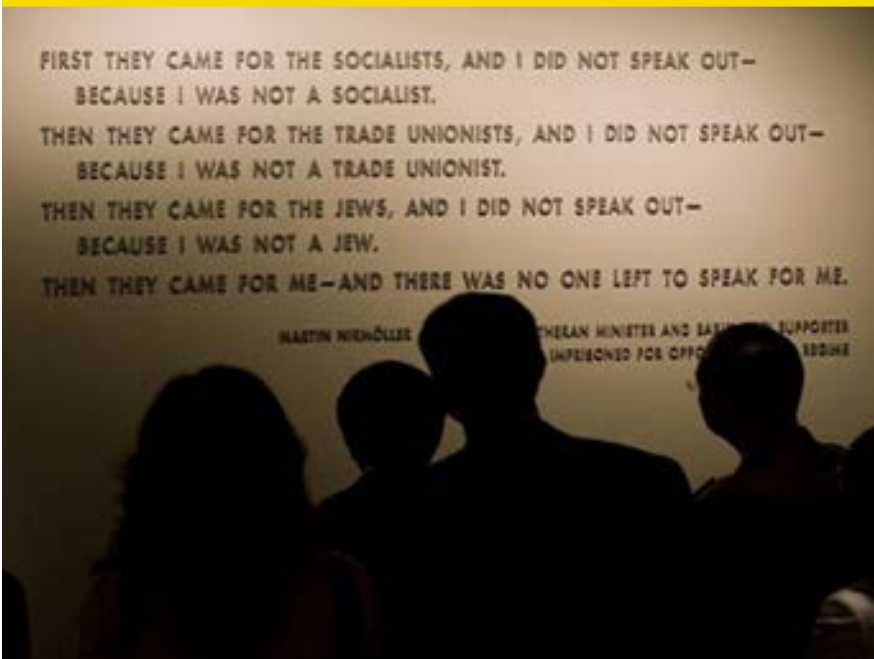




A Year in Review



A Message From Our Executive Director

This year marks a big milestone by celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Holocaust Education Resource Council. What started as a small group of dedicated community members, grew to many years of hard work to support Holocaust education and confront antisemitism.

So many teachers and students have been reached with books, speakers, Holocaust survivors, and trips to Holocaust museums. As the world loses the witnesses of history, it is our obligation to continue telling their story of resilience, hope, and luck. Now is a more important time than ever to deliver the message of “Never Forget” to the next generation. Every teacher can become a leader by breaking the mold with education in the classroom and beyond.

This past year was the first time for ten Principals to attend an immersive study trip to Washington DC to visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and National Museum of African American History and Culture. It was a transformative and educational experience for everyone that attended, which will help bring meaningful lessons to our students and schools.

Your support and contributions have made so much possible to enhance the educator’s resources. It is appreciated that you are making this a priority to help change the world.

HERC goes into schools, classrooms, and the community to educate and train teachers to teach the lessons of the Holocaust and to stop hatred by educating the future generations of Florida’s children, across the Big Bend region. We mostly fund our operation through private fundraising, primarily at our Annual Remembrance Dinner.

As a sponsor of the Remembrance Dinner, this event provides you with an important and effective venue to present yourself as a partner with a meaningful contribution to educate Florida’s future generations.

Sincerely,



Barbara Goldstein
Executive Director

Founding Board Members

Nikki Allen

Shari Gewanter

Rita Blank

Barbara Goldstein

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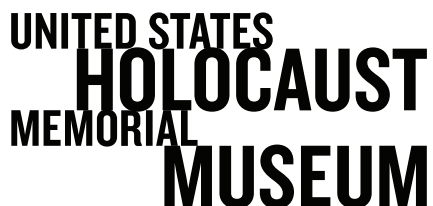
Linda Davey

Eileen Lerner

Monte Finkelstein

Paula Saunders

Thank You to HERC's Partners



HERC Timeline

2005

Rita Blank and Barbara Goldstein develop a strategy for expanding Holocaust teaching in the Leon County School system under the umbrella of the local chapter of the National Council on Jewish Women

2006-2007

Superintendent Montford endorses the first Holocaust Teacher Training Workshop • 1st annual student Holocaust Essay Contest and City Hall ceremony

2009

HERC is established as a 501c3 non-profit, all volunteer organization • Historical photographs are displayed in thirty locations for Holocaust awareness campaign

2011

Tallahassee Young Actors Theatre features “Diary of Anne Frank” with Holocaust Survivors Cookbook fundraiser • Florida House of Representatives issues proclamation formally recognizing HERC
Leon County Board of County Commissioners issues resolution for Rita Blank and Barbara Goldstein’s work with HERC • HERC Interfaith Book Club is established

2013-2015

Florida Legislature House of Representatives issues a Holocaust Remembrance Proclamation • The HERC Resource Office is established at Tallahassee Community College

2017

Teacher Trunks Initiative is created in January to provide to elementary schools books on Holocaust history • HERC Board members and local teachers go to Poland for Holocaust education • HERC supports Chiles High School Museum and a field trip to the Holocaust Museum funded by Leon County Schools Foundation Grant • Linda Davey Educators Award

HERC Timeline

2018

School board approves the School Outreach Initiative for trained volunteers to teach about Holocaust history in classrooms

MILESTONE: At least one educator from every Leon County public school has attended a teacher training workshop Rita Blank Founders Award

2019

Florida Legislature expands Holocaust education requiring teachers to include lessons on anti-semitism • Superintendent Hanna issues Partners in Excellence Award recognizing HERC efforts in the schools • HERC funds Florida Holocaust Museum trip for board members and teachers Senator Bill Montford Legislative Award

2021

Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum and HERC create a special exhibit of the Holocaust Local business leader, Ken Boutwell, pledges a \$60,000 Challenge Grant with dollar-for-dollar match contribution • Steve Uhlfelder Remembrance Education Award

2022

Florida legislature appropriates \$300,000 to HERC for panhandle expansion The Boutwell Challenge Grant achieves goal of raising \$120,000 • Sachs Media conducts and publishes a nationwide Holocaust Awareness survey to underscore relevance of HERC mission • Honoree Allan Katz at the Annual Remembrance Dinner

2023

Humanitarian Award Honoree Ken Boutwell at Annual Remembrance Dinner

2024

Steve Uhlfelder Humanitarian Award Honoree CFO Jimmy Patronis at the Annual Remembrance Dinner • Community Leadership Awarded to Judy and Steve Winn at the Annual Remembrance Dinner

13th Annual 2024 Remembrance Dinner



The 13th Annual Remembrance Dinner took place on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at the Dunlap Champions Club, in Tallahassee. The recipient of the Steve Uhlfelder Humanitarian Award was the Honorable Jimmy Patronis, Florida Chief Financial Officer. CFO Patronis received this award based on his stellar record as an advocate for Holocaust survivors and their heirs, as well as a staunch supporter of Israel, especially in the aftermath of the October 7, 2023 atrocities in Israel. Moreover, he has been a true advocate against antisemitism in Florida and has pushed for legislative support for improved security in Jewish (and non-Jewish) day schools, as well as synagogues throughout the state. He has been outspoken against those who profess hate and terror against the Jewish people. In March of 2024, CFO Patronis announced that the Florida Treasury had invested an additional \$50 million in Israel bonds, bringing Florida's total investment in Israel bonds to \$250 million, the largest total ever held at one time by the Florida Treasury.

In addition to honoring CFO Patronis, Steve and Judy Winn were presented with our Special Community Leaders award. The Winns have a strong sense of civic duty and believe in giving back to their community. They are both Life Trustees of the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, founding members of United Cerebral Palsy of the Big Bend, past board members of Temple Israel, and supporters of Hunger Fight, which feeds over 300 children in Gadsden County every weekend. Steve is starting his 50th year with the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association and has served as its Executive Director since 1984. For his unwavering dedication to the osteopathic medical profession, in 2023, the American Osteopathic Association honored Steve's service, presenting him with The AOA Individual Excellence in Advocacy Award. Steve is also a past Board Chair of the TCC Foundation, a Board member of American Commerce Bank, and served our country in the Army as a First Lieutenant. Judy served as President of the Brehon House, has been a dedicated HERC Board member, was co-Director of Temple Israel Pre-School for many years, is a member of the FSU Extra Point Club, is a Leon County school mentor, and has served on the Tallahassee Ballet Board and the Tallahassee Symphony Society Guild.

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REMEMBERING HIS LEGACY
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Leon County Teacher Workshops



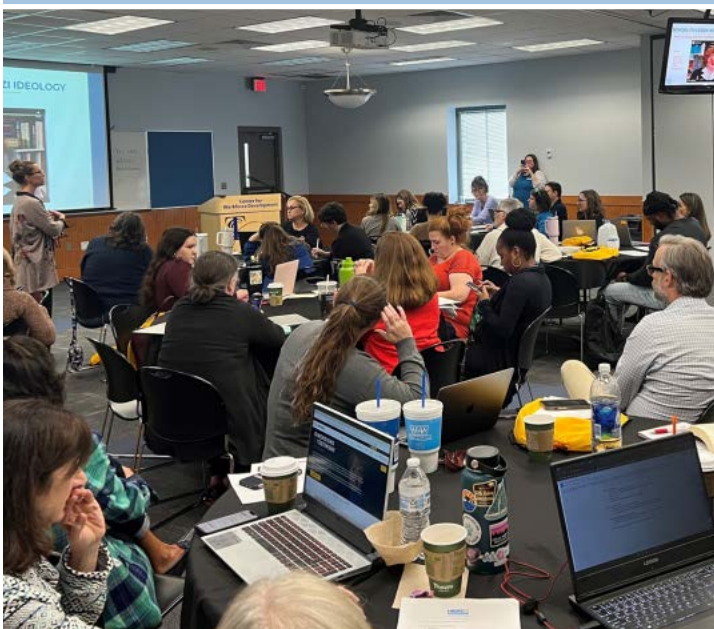
In order to properly educate students, HERC provides teachers with historical resources and lesson plans to provide comprehensive information about the Holocaust, it's origins, it's affect on modern life and the future.



Providing Holocaust Education



HERC's mission is to educate as many members of our community as possible about the Holocaust. These educational programs include presentations at local schools, teacher workshops, Principal's trips to Washington DC, film series, coffee shop meetings, book clubs, and much more!

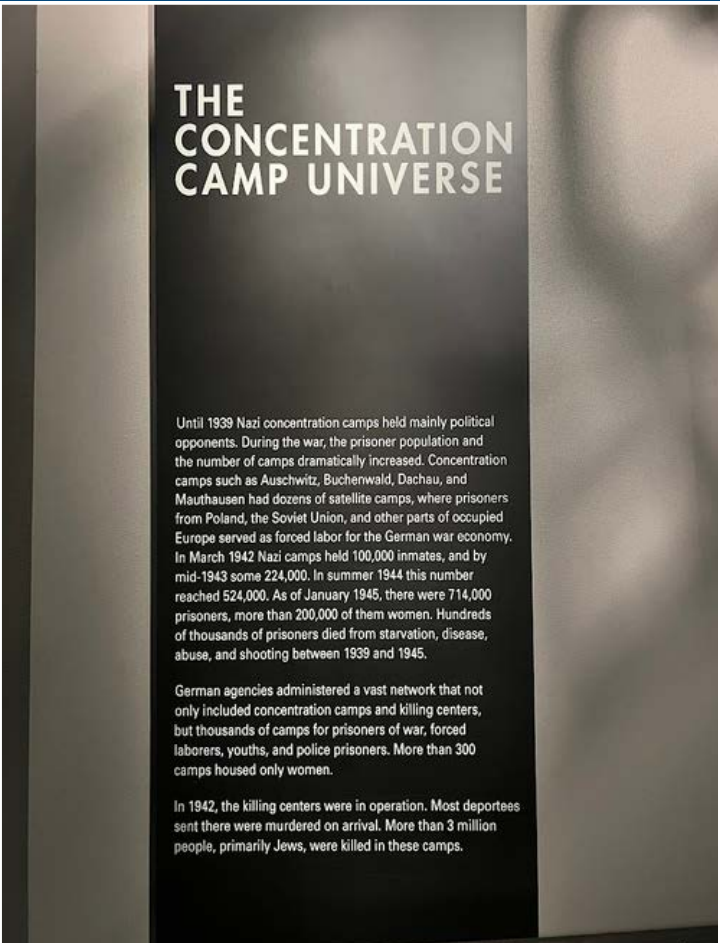


Washington DC Principal's Trip

On June 4, 2024, eleven Leon County School principals traveled to Washington, DC for the inaugural HERC and LCS Museum Trip in order to help fulfill this mission. HERC was privileged to be accompanied by Principals Staci Mortham, Amy Alvis, Terri Martin, Jane Floyd, Billy Millard, Michele Keltner, Zelena O'Banner, Stephen Mills, Kim McFarland, Sylvia Myers, and Assistant Superintendent Shane Syfrett to tour the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM). The museum's core exhibition spans three floors and covers the history of the Holocaust from its origins through liberation. It includes artifacts, photographs, documents, and personal testimonies that provide a vivid and emotional understanding of the events.



Washington DC Principal's Trip



2024 Annual Report

We are honored to share with you the 2024 Annual Report of the Holocaust Education Resource Council (HERC)—a year marked by renewed momentum, expanded impact, and meaningful growth. This report reflects our unwavering commitment to Holocaust remembrance and education, as we continue to reach broader audiences, strengthen our team, and invest in the future.

Throughout the past year, HERC has delivered a range of programs and services designed to educate, inspire, and engage, including:

- **Teacher Training Workshops** – Equipping over fifty educators annually with the knowledge and tools to teach Holocaust history with both accuracy and empathy.
- **Annual Remembrance Dinner** – Honoring the victims, the survivors, their families, and the enduring legacies they leave behind.
- **Principal's Trips to Washington, D.C.** – Offering local school leaders an immersive experience at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the National Museum of African American History and Culture.
- **Film Series** – Using a variety of powerful films to deepen understanding of the Holocaust and spark meaningful dialogue within our community.
- **School Presentations** – Bringing Holocaust education directly into classrooms across our region.
- **Community Engagement** – Hosting coffee shop conversations, book clubs, and other gatherings that foster reflection, dialogue, and connection.
- **Additional Initiatives** – From public events to collaborative projects, every effort is deeply rooted in our mission to educate and remember.

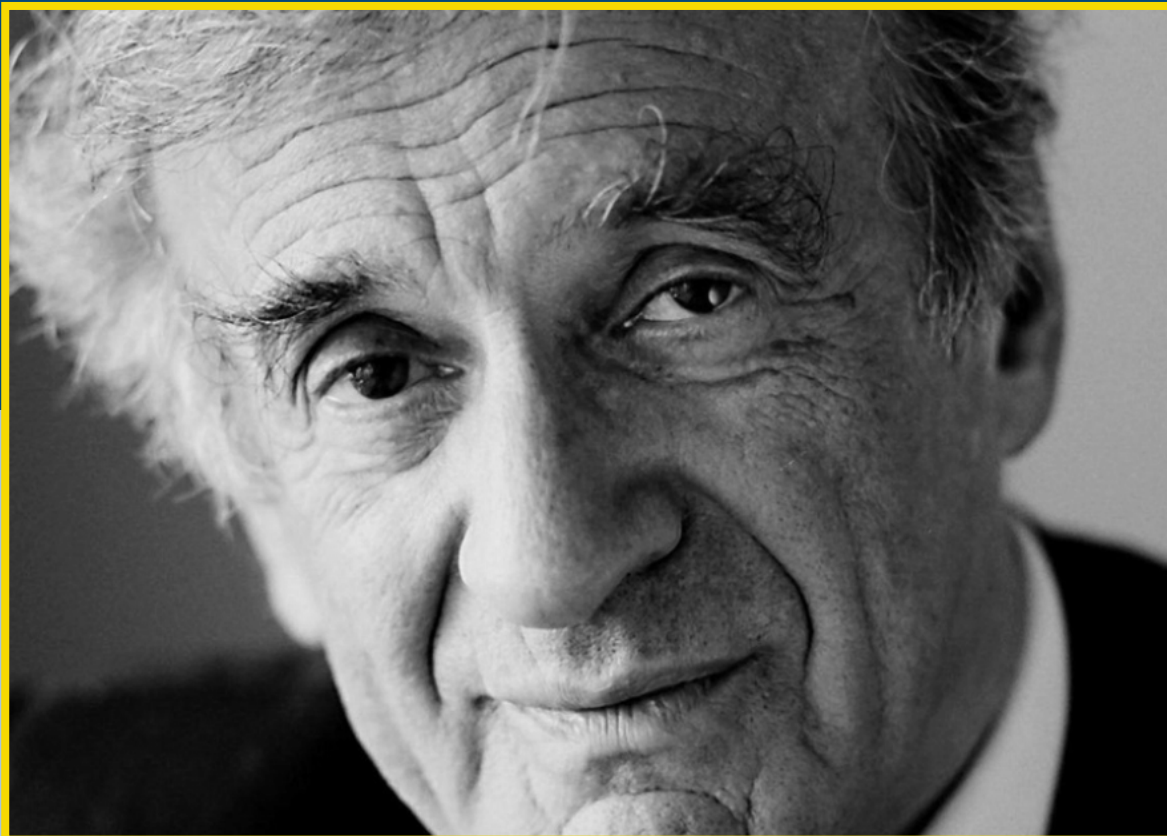
None of this would be possible without the generosity and dedication of individuals like you—supporters who understand the importance of preserving the lessons of the Holocaust for generations to come.

Thank you for standing with us, for believing in our mission, and for helping us build a more informed, compassionate, and resilient future.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Carol Berkowitz

Chair, Holocaust Education Resource Council



***“When You Listen
to a Witness, You
Become a Witness.”***

– Elie Wiesel

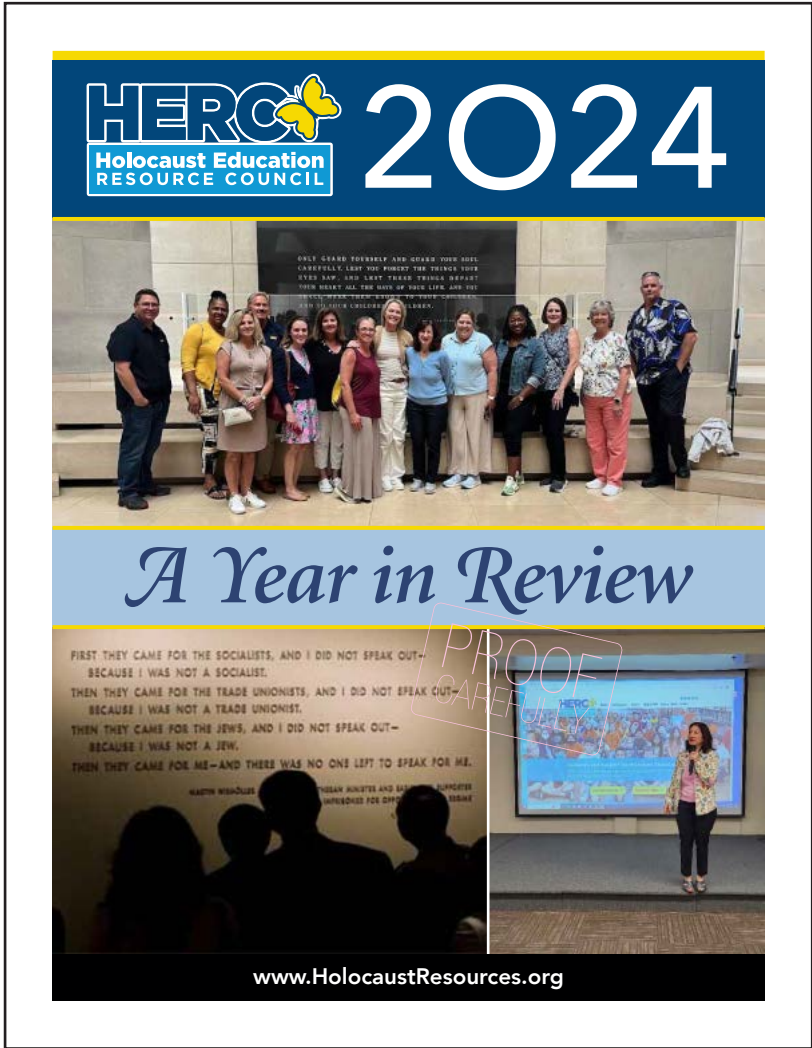


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