The Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme

On the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, the Holocaust Programme will produce a series of events and educational materials for the week of 24 January 2011 at United Nations Headquarters. United Nations Information Centres around the world will also organize memorial ceremonies and educational activities.

INFORMATION MATERIALS

Study Guide and DVD- Women and the Holocaust: “Courage and Compassion

The Holocaust Programme, in partnership with the USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education and Yad Vashem, The Holocaust Martyrs’ and Heroes’ Remembrance Authority, is producing an educational study guide and DVD for high school students. This pedagogical tool features the testimony of six survivors and highlights ways in which women experienced the Holocaust differently. It will be available in all United Nations official languages on the programme’s website.

Discussion Paper

The Holocaust Programme has published a new discussion paper for university students titled The Global Prevention of Genocide: Learning from the Holocaust. Drafted by Edward Mortimer, Senior Vice-President and Chief Programme Officer, and Kaja Shonick Glahn, session director for The Global Prevention of Genocide: Learning from the Holocaust, at The Salzburg Global Seminar, the paper explores the links between the fields of Holocaust education, genocide prevention and human rights.

Travelling Exhibit for UNICs- The Holocaust in Europe

Mémorial de la Shoah (Paris, France) in cooperation with the UN’s Holocaust Programme, is producing a travelling exhibition on the Holocaust in Europe, which will be available in English, French, Spanish and Russian. UNICs Bujumbura, Dakar, Manila, Mexico City, Moscow and UNIS Vienna will host it.
Monday 24 January Exhibit Opening: *The Memories Live On*

Venue: United Nations Public Lobby (opening by invitation only)

The exhibition *The Memories Live On* presents drawings of Auschwitz made by an unknown prisoner of the concentration and death camp and focuses on the legacy of the survivors to young people. This exhibition is sponsored by the International Auschwitz Committee in Germany, the State Museum of Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland, the International Youth Meeting Centre Oswiecim/Auschwitz in Poland, the Gedenkstätte Deutscher Widerstand in Germany and the United States Mission to the United Nations. On display until 28 February 2011.

Master of Ceremonies: Kiyo Akasaka, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

Speakers:
- H.E. Mr. Peter Wittig, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations
- Roman Kent, Auschwitz Survivor, New York
- Ilona Hefft, Trainee, Volkswagen Coaching, Emden/Wolfsburg
- Marian Turski, Auschwitz Survivor, Warsaw

Contact: mail@americangathering.org

*Hélène Berr, A Stolen Life*, curated by Memorial de la Shoah (France), will also be displayed in the United Nations Public Lobby. Through excerpts of the journal she kept for years, this exhibition reveals the story of Hélène Berr who died in Bergen Belsen Concentration Camp in 1945. It also documents the persecution of Jews in Occupied France during World War II. Contact: wichmann@un.org

Tuesday 25 January Screening of film *Daring to Resist*, 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Contact and Registration: Holocaustremembrance@un.org

Venue: Temporary North Lawn Building, ECOSOC Chamber

Distributed by Women Make Movies, the documentary film *Daring to Resist* features the stories of three young Jewish women who found unexpected ways to fight back against the Nazis during the Holocaust: one became a partisan, another shuttled Jews to safe houses and distributed resistance newspapers and a third smuggled Jews across the border. The screening will be followed by a discussion with Mr. Frank Blaichman, former partisan, and Ms. Bonnie Gurewitsch, Archivist/Curator, Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, NYC.

Thursday 27 January

- **Memorial Ceremony: “Women and the Holocaust: Courage and Compassion”,** 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Contact and Registration: Holocaustremembrance@un.org

Registration is on first-come first-served basis and closes on 24 January 11

Venue: United Nations General Assembly Hall
The ceremony will honour courage of women during the Holocaust and their various experiences that still inspire and empower women today.

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Lenore Weitzman, Professor Emeritus, George Mason University

Testimony from Mrs. Nesse Godin, Holocaust Survivor (Lithuania).

Renowned Hungarian Violinist Banda Ádám will perform J.S. Bach: Sarabande in D minor, and Béla Bartók: Sonata for solo violin.

Cantor Yaakov Lemmer, Chief Cantor, Congregation Anshe Shalom, New Rochelle, NY will chant the Kel Maleh Rachamim and the Ani Ma’amim.

Kiyo Akasaka, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information will host the event. He will also launch the Holocaust Programme's new study guide and DVD for high school students.

With the participation of students from the UN International School.

- **B’nai B’rith International Panel Discussion: “The Survivors, 1945-2011: Struggle and Perseverance”, 1:15 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.**

  Contact and Registration: Odrori@bnaibrith.org
  
  Venue: Temporary North Lawn Building, ECOSOC Chamber
  
  Moderator: Daniel S. Mariashin, Executive Vice President of B’nai B’rith International.
  
  Introduction: Dennis W. Glick, President of B’nai B’rith International
  
  Remarks by H.E. Ms. Simona-Mirela Miculescu, Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations.
  
  Panellists:
  
  - Hannah Deutch, past President of B’nai B’rith Leo Baeck Chapter, and National Holocaust Chair and Past County Commander of the Jewish War Veterans
  
  - Charles Friedman, President of B’nai B’rith Leo Baeck Unit, and Gallery Educator at the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust
  
  - Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis, Founder and President of Hineni
  
  - Roman Kent, Chairman of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors

- **Roundtable Discussion: “A World Without Nazism - a Global Goal for Humanity Today and the 65th Anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials”, 1:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.**

  Contact and Registration: usun.press@gmail.com
  
  Venue: UNHQ, Conference Building, Conference Room 8
  
  Organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, The Department of Public Information, the International Human Rights Movement “World Without Nazism”, and the American Forum of Russian Jewry. The Roundtable Discussion will be moderated by Mr. Ramu Damodaran, United Nations Deputy Director for Partnerships and Public Engagement, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information.
  
  Opening Remarks by H.E. Mr. Vitaly Cherkin, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations.