

# Newsletter

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**Fall/Winter 2000-2001**

**The Holocaust Center, Boston North Inc. For the study of The Holocaust, Genocides, and Human Rights** (formerly known as the Holocaust Center of the North Shore) has relocated! We are now housed at the Peabody Institute Library on the third floor in the Fitch Poole room. The move was necessitated when the McCarthy School, our home for 15 years, was converted back to a public school.

When repairs and renovations are complete, anyone with an area public library card will have access to the Center's 1600+ books and 150+ videos during regular library hours.

Gracing an 18 ft. wall will be a gallery of framed art by area students and adults. **A Wall of Memory & Hope** consisting of a collage of student art and poetry will be created on the far wall and will be frequently changed. Posters depicting the history of the Holocaust are already on exhibit on freestanding panels.

Display cases will hold memorabilia including artifacts such as a yellow star from France, the Center's Book of Remembrance, and original sculptures.

Keep posted for our grand opening sometime in the spring.

**What is the Holocaust Center? Answers to frequently asked questions**

## HISTORY

The Holocaust Center, Boston North, was created in **1982** to provide community awareness, information, audio-visual support, and education about the Nazi Holocaust in an attempt to prevent this history from repeating itself. The goal is to reduce hatred, prejudice, ignorance and indifference through education. The Holocaust Center is a non-profit organization overseen and advised by an interfaith board.

## RESOURCES

More than **1,600** books and over **500** videos for all ages are available for loan.

The Holocaust Center offers a **Speakers' Bureau** of survivors, witnesses, and historians.

## PROGRAMS

The Holocaust Center provides **programs and awareness sessions** for the community including public and private schools, organizations, churches, and temples.

The Holocaust Center is an affiliate of the **Fortunoff Video Archives for Holocaust Testimonies** at Yale University. To date, 100 oral histories that will be used only for education, have been recorded.

Each fall The Holocaust Center offers a forum for survivors at the annual **Survivors' Conference** in cooperation with Facing History. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences with the public and in the classroom. Children of survivors are encouraged to attend.

The Holocaust Center offers an annual **Human Rights Awareness Conference** for High School students, grades 9-12 to increase awareness of past and present violations of human rights. Attendance has been to capacity of 800, held 10/18/00 with Rev. Vartan Hartunian, the Armenian Genocide; Rena Finder, the Holocaust; Dr. Chris Nteta, South African Apartheid.

Area teens are invited to hear a survivor speak at the annual **Interfaith Teen Program** for grades 7 –12 featuring **SONIA WEITZ** this year scheduled for Monday, 3/19/01, 6:30 --8:00 P.M., Snow-date 3/26/01 Temple Ner Tamid, Peabody. Parents are encouraged to attend with their teenagers. Open to the public.

**Yom HaShoah** (Holocaust Memorial Day) is annually commemorated with an interfaith community-wide program attended by 500-800 people. (4/22/01)

**A Conference for Clergy & Educators** is offered in the late spring. In past years they have been held at Gordon College, at Merrimack College, and at the Holocaust Center.

**IT IS ESTIMATED THAT IN THE COURSE OF A SCHOOL YEAR, THE HOLOCAUST CENTER'S PROGRAMMING REACHES UPWARDS OF 50,000 AND COUNTLESS OTHERS THROUGH THE MEDIA.**

**EDUCATION DOES NOT PROMOTE HATRED. IGNORANCE DOES!**

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**\*NEW HOLOCAUST CENTER WEB ADDRESS:** Thanks to [DR. CHRISOPHER MAURIELLO](#), Professor of History at Salem State College, our Web Site Administrator and to **Corey Tapper** at [Techevolution](#) for donating our web site. Look us up at: <http://www.holocaustcenterbn.org>

**\*SPECIAL THANKS TO:** **The Trustees of the Peabody Institute Library, Mayor Peter Torigian, and Mike Francheschi, Library Director,** for making our move possible and to the entire library staff for so warmly welcoming us to our new home.

**\*COLLEGE INTERN:** Many thanks to our interns, [MIKE SAPORITO](#) (Salem State) who has become our web site administrator and to **ELIZABETH PARRY** (Gordon College).

**\*BOOKS FOR ALL AGES AVAILABLE:** Books are available for loan during public library hours through the Noble Library System. Donations of books to the Holocaust Center are greatly appreciated.

**\*PRESENT MEMORIES DONORS:** The Holocaust Center wishes to acknowledge the generous donations to the video project from the following – Eastern Bank, Warren Bank, Bell-Atlantic, Debby & David Ponn, and Boston Federal Savings Bank.

**\*BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE AVAILABLE FOR DISPLAY:** A copy of the Book of Remembrance is now available for display at area churches, temples, and other public buildings. This book contains Holocaust survivors' testimonies beautifully created in calligraphy. A gift of \$1,200 or more will sponsor a page with a personal inscription. Please call The Holocaust Center.

**\*PROGRAMMING FOR FIFTH/SIXTH GRADES:** Many area elementary students were introduced to the Holocaust and the application of the lessons of this period to the present. The program includes discussion of the effects of stereotyping, scapegoating, ethnic jokes, name-calling, the swastika, etc.

**\*HOLOCAUST CENTER HOURS:** The Center is **open Monday through Friday, 10 A.M. --2 P.M.**, and is housed at the Peabody Institute Library, Fitch-Poole Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 82 Main St., Peabody.

**\*ALL-OCCASION CARDS:** To send a card in honor of a simcha, as a memorial, or for any

occasion. To purchase cards in packages of ten, please call the Center. These cards are an investment for a better world. Thanks to **AUDREY WEINSTEIN** for so beautifully writing the cards.

**\*JEWS AND CHRISTIANS: A JOURNEY OF FAITH**: An educational documentary w/ guide based on the book, OUR FATHER ABRAHAM by **DR. MARVIN WILSON**, founding member of the Holocaust Center and Prof. of Biblical Studies at Gordon College, had its premier screening on October 15<sup>th</sup> at Gordon College.

**\*PRESENT MEMORIES VIDEO**: Work on production continues. Many thanks to **BILL PLANTE**, our producer, for “this labor of love”.

**\*COMMUNITY OUTREACH: HERBERT BELKIN** has joined the Holocaust Center Board as Director of Remembrance, a newly formed Community Outreach Program. He will be speaking throughout the area about the Holocaust and the importance of memory.

**\*THANK YOU: AI NEWMAN** for making the beautiful freestanding display panels and the background for the Wall of Memory and Hope.

## **YOM HASHOAH**

Interfaith Commemoration

**Sunday, April 22, 2001**

**4:00 P.M.**

Peabody High School, Lowell Street, Peabody

Interfaith Memorial Service

Survivors' Candle-lighting Ceremony

Gordon College Women's Choir

Keynote Presentation

## **MICHAEL P. SCHARF**

Director of the NE Center for International Law & Policy, NE School of Law

Beginning at 3:00 P.M. (prior to the commemoration), there will be video presentations and an exhibit "Art Projects on the HOLOCAUST" by North Shore students. **RICHARD ADELMAN & SANDRA WEITZ** are the Chairs for the event.

**The Holocaust Center of the North Shore** is a beneficiary of **The Jewish Federation of the North Shore Inc.** and the **Friends of the Holocaust Center**. We gratefully acknowledge the generous support thus far (from 9/00 --11/00) of 100 families/individuals for the fiscal year, 9/00-8/01.

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