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## Holocaust Education Week

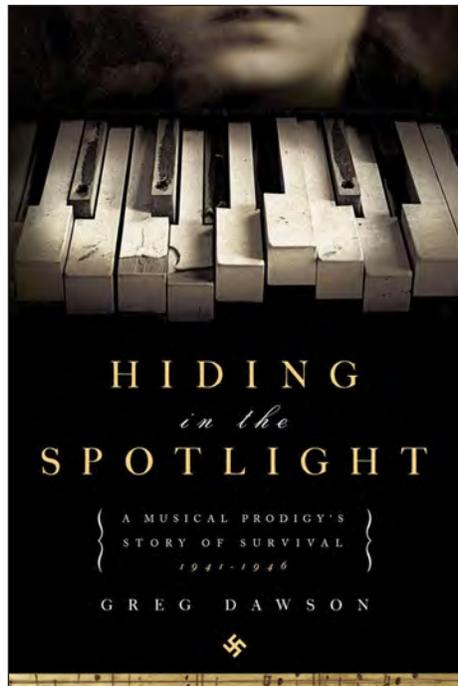
To further our mission of Holocaust Education, the Holocaust Education Resource Council is co-sponsoring a Holocaust Education Week from November 8-12th with TCC. There will be a daily educational event, open to the public, at Tallahassee Community College. The events will be unique and have been crafted in an interdisciplinary manner so that people of all walks of life and interests can find something in which to immerse themselves.

The week will begin on Monday, November 8th. Greg Dawson, author of the book *Hiding in the Spotlight*, a true Holocaust story, will give a lecture at TCC and at Midtown Reader, where the book is available. It is an extraordinary story of a young girl whose musical genius saves her from the Holocaust.

Wednesday, November 10th is HERC's 10th Anniversary Remembrance Dinner where Steve Uhlfelder will be honored with our Holocaust Education Award. Steve has been a champion of Holocaust education for a long time and helped to establish HERC. Sam Stern, Holocaust survivor and Steve Uhlfelder's cousin, will be the featured guest speaker. Our program will feature Sam's story of surviving



Author, Greg Dawson (left) and Historian, Monte Finkelstein (right) will lecture during Holocaust Education Week



the Holocaust. He and his brother Peter were the only surviving children from Nuremberg. Sam, who lives in Boston, became a college professor. His career has included

faculty positions at Johns Hopkins, Harvard and Boston University, where he retired as professor and associate dean emeritus.

Finally, the esteemed History Professor, Dr. Monte Finkelstein will give a lecture about Resistance during the Holocaust. The lecture will be at noon on Friday, November 12th, as a Lunch and Learn presentation, at the Tallahassee Community College Workforce Development Building. More details can be found at <https://www.tcc.fl.edu/about/college/tcc-foundation/hew/>.

Holocaust education is more important than ever, and it is our duty to continue to shed light on events of the past so that they do not become the events of our future.

Thank You for Your Support,

*Barbara*

Barbara Goldstein, Executive Director

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2021

# HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK

NOVEMBER 8 - 12

**ALL  
WEEK**

**DIGITAL EXHIBITS ACROSS CAMPUS**  
**PATH TO KINDNESS T-SHIRT PROJECT**  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**BOOK CLUB | HIDING IN THE  
SPOTLIGHT** by Greg Dawson

**TCC LIBRARY BOOK DISPLAYS**

**8  
MON.**

**HIDING IN THE SPOTLIGHT Book Talk and  
Signing** by Greg Dawson  
12:30 p.m. | TCC Library | Pizza event  
6:30 p.m. | Midtown Reader

**9  
TUES.**

**FORENSICS PERFORMANCE**  
5:30 p.m. | TCC Fine Arts Gallery

**10  
WED.**

**HERC SPEAKER SAM STERN,  
Holocaust Survivor**  
1:15 p.m. | Turner Auditorium

**HERC ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE  
DINNER** with guest speaker  
**Sam Stern, Holocaust Survivor**  
5:30 p.m. | FSU University Center Club

*To buy tickets visit:*  
[www.holocaustresources.org/event/  
remembrance-dinner-2021](http://www.holocaustresources.org/event/remembrance-dinner-2021)

**12  
FRI.**

**RESISTANCE: A LUNCH AND  
LEARN EXPERIENCE** with  
**Dr. Monte Finkelstein**  
11:30 a.m. | TCC WD Ballroom



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# 2021

## ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DINNER

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



Guest Speaker  
**Sam Stern**  
*Holocaust Survivor*



*Holocaust  
Education Award  
presented to  
**Steve Uhlfelder**  
Launched Legislation for  
Holocaust Memorial*

*When:* Wednesday, November 10, 2021  
*Time:* Reception 5:30 pm • Dinner 6:30 pm  
*Where:* FSU University Center Club  
403 Stadium Drive

### *Fundraising Event In Support of Holocaust Education*

***Tickets: In Person - \$125    Virtual - \$75***

Paypal at HERC website or mail check to PO Box 16282, Tallahassee, Florida 32317

***Sponsorships Available • For More Information Contact  
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# ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DINNER

## *Sponsor Opportunities*

**Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

**FSU University Center Club • 403 Stadium Drive**

### **COURAGE SPONSOR – \$5,000**

- One table – Eight dinner tickets
- Business logo with link or Sponsor's name on HERC website
- On screen donor listing with verbal recognition at event
- Business logo or Sponsor's name included in program and listed on display board in lobby
- HERC Annual Membership

### **HOPE SPONSOR – \$2,500**

- Six dinner tickets
- Business logo with link or Sponsor's name on HERC website
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- Business logo or Sponsor's name included in program and listed on display board in lobby
- HERC Annual Membership

### **REMEMBRANCE SPONSOR – \$500**

- Two dinner tickets
- Business logo with link or Sponsor's name on HERC website
- On screen donor listing with verbal recognition at event
- Business logo or Sponsor's name included in program and listed on display board in lobby
- HERC Annual Membership

***Tickets: In Person - \$125    Virtual - \$75***

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# *A Doorway to Heroism* By W. Jack Romberg

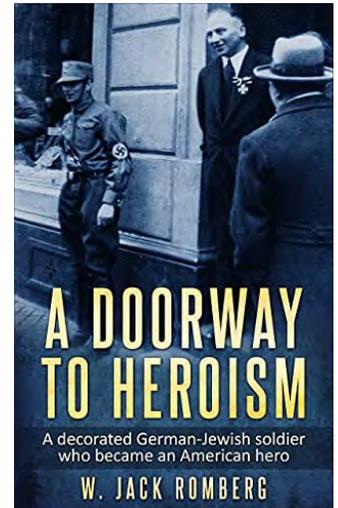
*Featuring Book Talk with Rabbi Romberg*

**October 21st at 7pm  
Temple Israel  
2215 Mahan Dr.**

Imagine a German Jew who was a decorated German soldier in World War I, a resister in Cologne at the start of Hitler's reign of terror, and a Silver Star decorated U.S. Army soldier. Three heroic actions, at three different times, in three different places. This is the story of Richard Stern, whose photograph of his protest hangs in multiple German museums, showing a rare Jewish protest in Nazi Germany. He was my Great Uncle.

We have now passed the 75th anniversary of World War II. Most of those veterans are gone, and their stories should be preserved, especially those as unique as Richard Stern's. How many American soldiers served the opposing army in World War I, let alone as decorated German soldiers? How many German war veterans actively opposed the Nazis in the 1930s? How many Jews, after making it safely out of Germany, decided they had to get into the American army despite their age exemption to fight Nazi Germany? His actions that earned him the Silver Star got a burst of publicity in New York City.

Richard Stern's history connected to the Holocaust is unique. This book tells his full story along with how the Shoah impacted his family.



*The Holocaust Teacher Institute at the University of Miami presents*

## **The Ravine**

*A Family, A Photograph, A Holocaust Massacre Revealed*

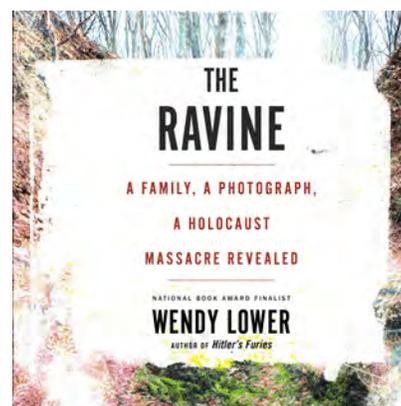
October 10, 2021 :: 5-6pm :: <https://conta.cc/2XeRNj3>



**Dr. Wendy Lower**



**Dr. Michael Berenbaum**



An Evening with Scholar and Author, Dr. Wendy Lower with Commentator, Dr. Michael Berenbaum. Series Program Host – Dr. Miriam Klein Kassenoff.



# LESSONS FOR TODAY: TEACHING ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST

*A FREE Professional Development Workshop for Educators Across the Curriculum*

**FREE to Attend ~ FREE Materials ~ Sub Pay**

*Date:*

**Tuesday, October 26**  
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

*Location:*

**Tallahassee Community  
College, Workforce  
Development Building**



*This program is presented by the*



*in cooperation with*



*Funded in part by FDOE Commissioner's  
Task Force on Holocaust Education*

The workshop is open to educators of grades 5 and up, including classroom teachers across the curriculum, school administrators, curriculum coordinators, and media specialists.

*The workshop includes:*

- Certification of contact hours
- Free meals, books, and resources
- Reimbursement for substitute pay
- Presentations by professional Holocaust educators
- Model lessons and activities for teaching to the new Florida Holocaust Education Standards

**Registration is Required:**

**<https://holocaustresources.org/workshops>**

# Son's Journey to Terezin Brings Special Meaning to Father's Day

By Steve Uhlfelder Published Aug. 25, 2005

I never knew my paternal grandparents. My father's parents both died in Theresienstadt, a terrible place where Jews from Europe were herded before being sent on to



Steve Uhlfelder

concentration camps and death. In Theresienstadt itself, Jewish prisoners were killed or died of hunger, disease and despair. A shocking total of 6-million Jews were murdered by Hitler and the Nazi regime. This place of genocide, also known as Terezin, is located in a beautiful region of the Czech Republic, surrounded by green hills and quiet rivers.

My grandparents were among first group of Jews to be transported from Western Germany to Terezin. The Nazis meticulously recorded how and when they killed my grandparents and other victims. My grandmother survived about a month after arriving at Terezin. She died on Oct. 16, 1942, which also happens to be my daughter's birthday. My grandfather, after whom I was proudly named, lived a year and half longer in unimaginable conditions.

I visited Terezin while I was on a recent a trip to Eastern Europe in my capacity as chair of the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. I was the first in my family to make this difficult journey to see where and how my grandparents died. My father, at age 16, was the only one in his family to escape Germany before the Holocaust. The loss of his parents and most of his family was too much to bear, and he never revisited his home country, nor was he able to visit the site of his parent's deaths.

A Fulbright scholar from Minnesota, whose work and study in Terezin embodies the importance of foreign educational exchange, was my guide and companion. The day we visited was cold, windy and gray. The gloomy weather stood in stark contrast with the green foliage and peaceful countryside in this area 35 miles north of Prague. It is difficult to reconcile the horrific murders committed here with the pastoral surroundings.

Passing row after row of headstones near the memorials and monuments, we entered the large crematorium where my grandparents' bodies were incinerated. Against one wall was a series of ovens. Near one oven, I lit two candles in their memory. After they were cremated, their ashes were placed in paper urns and were stored in a dark brick building nearby. As the war neared its end, the Nazis attempted to discard the ashes in the river near the camp in an effort to conceal 35,000 or more murders at Terezin.

In Prague, I had met, by chance, an 84-year-old survivor of Theresienstadt. She wept as she recounted to me how, when she was a young prisoner, she was forced by the Nazis to dispose of the Jewish ashes from the urns into the Ohre River.

Near the site where that young girl and other prisoners deposited the victims' remains is a modest memorial. From there, the Ohre River flows into a larger body, and then appropriately back into Germany. As I stood at the riverbank, it struck me that the Ohre River is much like the rivers near my home thousands of miles away. The smell of the mud, the smoothness of

the rocks at the shore, the graceful ripple of the slowly moving water – these things can all be found in North Florida rivers. It is a comfort to know that my grandparents found their repose in such serenity, and that a fellow prisoner, rather than a Nazi, may have seen to that.

My grandparents' ashes have long since become one with that river, so I could not bring their ashes home. Instead, I descended the set of granite steps that end at the riverbank and crouched down. I selected several small pebbles, stained dark with water and time, and slipped them in my pocket. As I turned my back on the river and climbed the granite steps, the pebbles tumbled together in my pocket. I thought of my grandparents' other two grandchildren, my two first cousins. Peter and Sam are among the youngest survivors of the Holocaust. I decided that I would share a pebble with each of them and the rest of the grandchildren. They might find a small measure of closure in our grandparents' final resting place in the Ohre River, and how their ashes may have washed over these same pebbles only 60 years ago.

This Father's Day will have a special meaning for me because I finally met my father's parents at the Ohre River. This Father's Day, I will give two pebbles, pulled from that river near Terezin, to my grandsons. My father would be comforted to know that the memory of his parents – and the lessons of the Holocaust – will never be forgotten.

Steve Uhlfelder, a Tallahassee attorney, is the chairman of the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and former chairman of the Board of Regents. He can be contacted at [stevesulaw.net](http://stevesulaw.net).



# Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in information on these HERC committees:

Book club \_\_\_\_\_ Film Series \_\_\_\_\_ Holocaust Remembrance \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial \_\_\_\_\_ Community Outreach \_\_\_\_\_

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

HERC is making a difference in our community, but we cannot continue to do so without your support. We urge you to join us at whatever membership level is most comfortable for you.

### HERC OFFERS VARIOUS LEVELS OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: Please select a membership level.

\_\_\_ \$36 (Life) This membership level is for individuals and helps purchase a DVD, book, or periodical for our school Resource

\_\_\_ \$54 (Tolerance) This membership level is for individuals and helps purchase a DVD, book, or periodical for our school

\_\_\_ \$100 (Peace) This membership level is for individuals and/or families and helps provide for a student outreach program

\_\_\_ \$250 (Courage) This membership level is for individuals and/or families and helps buy a set of books for a school classroom

\_\_\_ \$500 (Remembrance) This membership level is for individuals and/or families and helps to sponsor a speaker for Professional Learning Opportunities.

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