

HERC Newsletter

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION RESOURCE COUNCIL

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Message from the HERC

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Happy New Year!

I look forward to planning many education opportunities this year. Welcome to new board members and officers. There are so many to thank from last year that helped move HERC to the next level. Our Strategic Plan kept the direction focused on the mission constantly through some challenges.



Steve Uhlfelder, Mackenzie and Taylor Bieh

The Remembrance Dinner was a big success honoring Steve Uhlfelder. In case you missed the event, the testimonial video is https://vimeo.com/643544549?embedded=true&source=video_title&owner=9545309



Jeff and Ken Boutwell, Jennifer Patty

He has been a champion for Holocaust education and launched legislation to create a Holocaust Memorial at the state Capitol. His many accomplishments demonstrate the message, “don’t stand on the sidelines”.

Another recognition goes to the wonderful Ken Boutwell and his family for giving a Matching Challenge for \$60,000. After a month, over half has been raised.

Help reach the goal to light six candles to remember the six million Jews lost in the

Holocaust.

This will give the needed funds that can provide more education opportunities through the N. Florida region. Teachers get important tools to take their students for understanding history. We must keep the stories alive of courage.

Look forward to the many new programs planned such as exhibits, book discussions and teacher workshops. We hope you will join us. Give today to match dollar for dollar.

<https://holocaustresources.org/donate/>

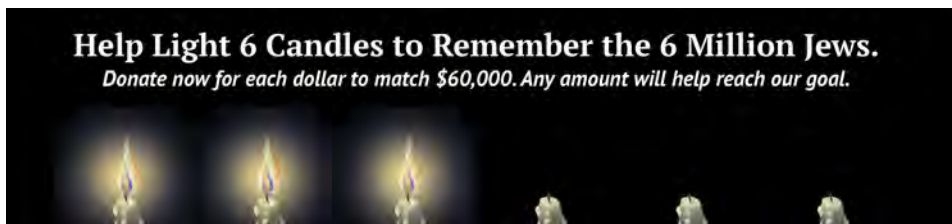
Thank You for Your Support,

Barbara

Barbara Goldstein,
Executive Director

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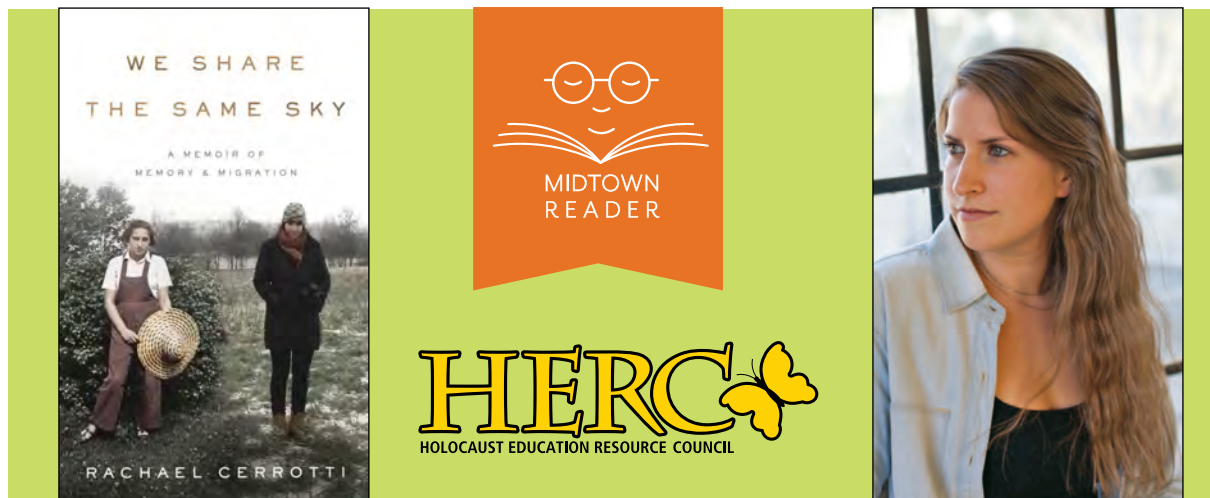
You can make a difference today and donate to HERC at <http://holocaustresources.org/donate>



We Share the Same Sky: *A Conversation with Author*

Rachael Cerrotti and Barbara Goldstein, *HERC Executive Director*
Author and 3 G Granddaughter of Holocaust Survivor

Thursday – February 3, 2022 • 7 pm



All are Welcome to Join Us for this Special Evening of Conversation About
Storytelling and the Ways History Intertwines with Our Present Lives.

Webinar Registration (Click Here): holocaustresources.org/book-zoom

Rachael Cerrotti is an award-winning author, photographer, educator and audio producer. Her work explores the intergenerational impact of war and the inheritance of memory. She is currently the Inaugural Storyteller in Residence for USC Shoah Foundation where she produces and co-hosts The Memory Generation podcast.

In 2019, Rachael released her first podcast – *We Share The Same Sky*. It was the first-ever narrative podcast based on a Holocaust survivor's testimony

and tells the story of her decade-long journey to retrace her grandmother Hana's war story. Her critically-acclaimed debut memoir, also titled *We Share The Same Sky*, was released in August 2021 and weaves together the stories of these two young women – Hana as a refugee who remains one step ahead of the Nazis at every turn, and Rachael, whose insatiable curiosity to touch the past guides her into the lives of countless strangers, bringing her love and tragic loss.

Facebook Event (Click Here): holocaustresources.org/book-fb

Buy the Book (Click Here): holocaustresources.org/book-tickets

For more information contact Barbara Goldstein at barbara@holocaustresources.org

www.HolocaustResources.org

Board Member Spotlight Featuring: **Elizabeth Ricci – HERC President**

How did you first get involved with HERC?

About five years ago I was asked to give a presentation about the refugee experience in conjunction with an event for Thomasville-area school children that Barbara Goldstein was coordinating. She and I became fast friends. I attended a few Remembrance Dinners and was inspired to get more involved. I formally joined the board in 2019.

What is one of your most memorable experiences working with HERC?

I participated in a high school Service Day at the HERC office. The students planted a garden in front of the building, made butterfly art, and watched a video about survivors. Some of the students were so excited to learn more that they volunteered to help at future events.

What do you wish other people knew about HERC?

I wish the community knew that HERC's mission is to help teachers teach the Holocaust per the state mandate which is little funded. HERC does a great job with the resources it has but more resources are needed to implement the programs that teachers need to be effective and compliant.

Why do you serve on the HERC board?

I get asked this frequently especially because I am not Jewish.



Elizabeth Ricci – HERC President

But, the Holocaust did not affect just Jews. Civilians, gypsies, people with disabilities, Masons, homosexuals and Jehovah Witnesses were murdered, too. In my immigration practice, I frequently meet people who fled their home countries because of persecution. Avoiding another Holocaust requires that we be mindful of current events in other countries and exercise compassion toward our neighbors, whether they have deep roots or are new arrivals.

How do you support HERC?

I hosted the announcement of the Boutwell Family Matching Challenge Grant at my home and donated as a result. I recently helped check in teachers at a training held at TCC. I also attend

HERC events and recruit new members and donors.

What do you think will change about HERC in the next five years?

I want to see HERC reach the next level. By that I mean offering even more educational programs, promoting a trip to Poland, planning an even more successful Remembrance Dinner, and reaching additional teachers and students from Jacksonville to Pensacola.

What was your first exposure to Holocaust education?

I was about 12 when I read the Diary of Anne Frank. I was profoundly impacted by her story and

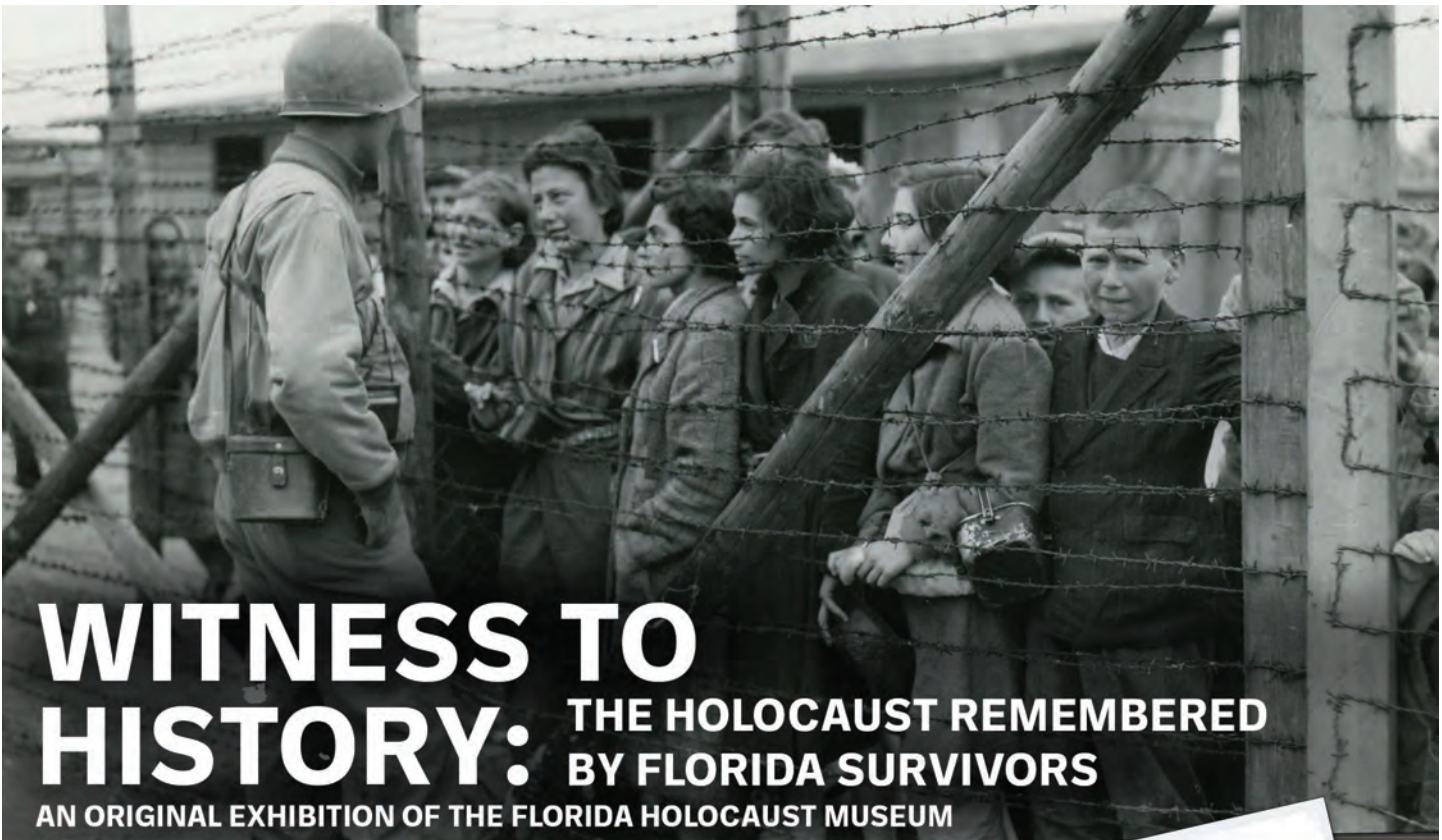
attitude. I always wondered who was calling the family and why. A few years later I visited Dachau and again was deeply moved.

How can the Holocaust best be taught?

From my own experience I can say that learning about the Holocaust at an early age is critical, not just for historical purposes but to learn about what humans are capable of. We should learn as much as we can from survivors and their children as well as by reading books and traveling to museums and camps.

Tell us something few people know about you.

I once acted in an off-Broadway political play with Jane Fonda and Rosie Perez.



WITNESS TO HISTORY: THE HOLOCAUST REMEMBERED BY FLORIDA SURVIVORS

AN ORIGINAL EXHIBITION OF THE FLORIDA HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Throughout World War II, government and community leaders, and ordinary people made ethical choices based on their circumstances, personal morality, or political forces. The Nazis carried out their plans to murder European Jews and others, while some individuals, groups, and governments chose, at great risk, to protect and rescue those who were targeted. Thousands of others chose to participate in the Nazis' racist schemes while most people did nothing, although they were aware of what was happening.

In this exhibition you will find examples of perpetrators, bystanders, victims, and upstanders. It retells how the actions of individuals, groups, and governments contributed to the Holocaust and explores the reactions of Florida Survivors to events as they unfolded.

On view **March 15th – April 30, 2022**
at **Tallahassee Community College**
Workforce Development Building
444 Appleyard Drive



THE FLORIDA HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

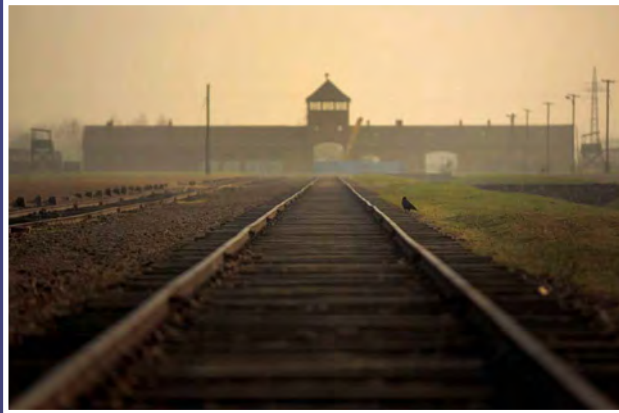
30 YEARS #UnitedAgainstHate

This exhibition presented locally and made possible through



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ADULT PROGRAM



MARCH

OF THE LIVING

BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

April 24 - May 2, 2022

Poland Only Program

Join our group leader, **Rabbi Arnie Samlan**; our Holocaust educator, **Linda Medvin**, Director of the Gutterman Family Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education at Florida Atlantic University and Holocaust survivor, **Irene Zisblatt**, as we visit the sites of Jewish interest in Warsaw, Krakow and Lublin. Participate with others on the March of the Living from Auschwitz to Birkenau on Yom Ha Shoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) followed by a moving ceremony in commemoration of the day.

MARCH with US Become a Marcher

It's your time, your turn, your moment
it's the best history lesson you will ever live

Fees below are based on double occupancy and are all inclusive* Participants are responsible to purchase trip cancellation/interruption and medical insurance at minimum limits to be communicated

Program including R/T Air**	\$6220
Program – Land Only	\$4920
Single Supplement	\$1025

* Based on a Minimum of 20 participants

** Miami

* Fee includes: 4/5 Star Hotel Accommodations; 3 Kosher Meals a Day (Lunch will be a Lunch Box); Tips; Deluxe Air Conditioned Bus; Security; Guides; Entrance Fees; Special Events; March of the Living Backpack and Jacket; ID Badge
Hotels: Marriott Warsaw, Holiday Inn or Adel in Krakow or Similar

Cancellation Policy (individual); through January 31, 2022 – Full refund; February 1 - 20, 2022 – 90% refund; February 21 - March 19, 2022 – 75% refund; On or after March 20, 2022 – No refund

Cancellation Policy (delegation cancels); through January 31, 2022 – Full refund; February 1 - March 9, 2022 – 95% refund; March 10 - 31 days prior to departure – 90% refund; 30 days or less from departure – Refund, if any, will be determined by the International March of the Living as they negotiate refunds with their vendors arising within 30 days of the program start date.

For additional information contact **Rochelle Baltuch: 954 - 660 - 2077** or rbaltuch@jewishbroward.org

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT

bit.ly/3uspoSN



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Teaching in Troubled Times: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry into Teaching about the Holocaust and Human Rights

The Olga Lengyel Institute for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights

New York City, July 5th – 16th, 2022

***Are you a Holocaust educator? A human rights advocate?
Do you teach for and about racial equity and social justice?***

If so, we invite you to apply to TOLI's 10-day inquiry on teaching about the Holocaust and human rights at a time when increasing injustice across the United States reminds us that 'Never Again' begins in the classroom.

Our 2022 seminar offers an intensive focus on the Holocaust and its resonance for understanding agonized histories within the US, both past and present.

Together, we will ask:

- What happens when educators join in conversation to examine the roots of intolerance? Of antisemitism and racism?
- How might our perspectives change? How would we enlarge our understanding of ancient and contemporary hatreds?
- What actions might we be inspired to take in our classrooms and our communities?

Seminar leaders:



Dr. Sondra Perl, author of *On Austrian Soil: Teaching Those I Was Taught to Hate*



Dr. Jennifer Lemberg, co-editor of *Becoming a Holocaust Educator: Purposeful Pedagogy Through Inquiry*

Participants receive:

Free housing at Columbia University / Round-trip airfare to NYC / \$350 stipend and selected books / Membership in our network of talented educators

**WITH PRESENTATIONS BY
SCHOLARS AND TEACHER LEADERS
IN THE TOLI NETWORK, INCLUDING:**



Brenda Johnston
on Blackfeet history and perspective



Dr. Shanedra Nowell
on the Tulsa Race Massacre



Dr. Michelle Sadrena Pledger on liberatory pedagogy



Lacy Watson
on remembrance, resilience, and resistance



Tracei Willis
on racialized trauma



**TESTIMONY FROM
Dr. Irene Hasenberg Butter, Holocaust survivor**



**AND FEATURING A KLEZMER
PERFORMANCE
by Rabbi Greg Wall**

***"What does your history mean to me?
What does my history mean to you?"***

-Angelika Bammer

For detailed information visit www.tolinstitute.org

Apply here

Online applications are due February 26, 2022



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.

PLEASE SEND CHECKS TO:

Holocaust Education Resource Council

P.O. Box 16282

Tallahassee, FL 32317

Donations can be submitted by PayPal on HERC website www.holocaustresources.org