

We Will Remember . . .

Each year, the number of Holocaust survivors dwindles. Many organizations estimate there are likely no more than a few hundred survivors left in the entire world.

At Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, which was April 28th we asked:

What might Holocaust education look like in a world with very few survivors? How can we ensure that our own children and generations yet to come, know their stories and never, ever forget?

We invite you to review the recent survey conducted by Sachs Media of U.S. Awareness and Perceptions of the Holocaust. The results are alarming and a call to action. <https://holocaustresources.org/2022/04/27/alarming-news-u-s-holocaust-awareness-perceptions/>



National Survey by HERC Documents Need for Continued/Expanded Holocaust Education

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It demonstrates the need of better Holocaust education in our schools. What happened to the victims and survivors, should never happen again. Our mission is more urgent and relevant than ever before. Antisemitism is rising and Holocaust history is increasingly distorted for personal

or political gain—even as the justification for war. HERC held a solemn ceremony during the national Days of Remembrance to ensure the victims of the Holocaust are never forgotten and their legacies will endure.

We thank those who joined us in remembering Holocaust victims during the Days of Remembrance.

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Survey: Americans Support Holocaust Education – and Many of them Need it

by Drew Wilson – FLORIDA POLITICS

One in 10 Americans believes the Holocaust has been exaggerated or did not happen.

On the eve of Holocaust Remembrance Day, a new survey shows that 10% of Americans believe the Holocaust has been exaggerated or did not happen and nearly a fifth think Jewish people are at least partially culpable for their systematic murder at the hands of Nazi Germany.

The Holocaust Education Research Council survey asked 850 adults across the United States a variety of questions about the Holocaust, finding a large portion are either underinformed or believe falsehoods.

According to the survey, basic details about the Holocaust aren't known by many Americans — 21% said they did not know that the Holocaust took place during World War II; one in four could not identify Auschwitz as a concentration camp; and more than a third said they didn't know that 6 million Jewish people were killed during the Holocaust.

“More than 60% of European Jews were erased from existence by the Nazis' unimaginable evil, and all decent people everywhere have a responsibility to make sure they are not erased from memory,” said U.S. House Ethics Committee Chair Rep. **Ted Deutch**, a Florida Democrat who is set to become CEO of the American Jewish Committee in October. “We must all do our part to educate future generations about these horrors, or else the world could



Florida Holocaust Museum

be doomed to repeat them.”

HERC executive director **Barbara Goldstein** added, “The Holocaust decimated almost an entire population of innocent people, all in the name of advancing a vile philosophy of hatred. The next generation is our hope for a better world, and this survey shows that education is still our best tool against hate.”

In addition to questions on Holocaust historicity, the survey asked whether respondents had seen Nazi symbols in the past five years, either in-person or online. About two-fifths (41%) said they had.

The survey also found that 24% of Americans believe that Jewish people have capitalized on the historical tragedy to advance an “agenda” or goal, such as gaining disproportionate influence in politics, finance or media. Though untrue, such beliefs are a trope of conspiratorial antisemitism.

Still, the survey found that 93% of Americans believe it is important to continue teaching about the

Holocaust, and 80% believe something horrific like it could happen again.

HERC, based in Florida, is one of the nation's leading authorities on Holocaust education. Its mission is to provide instructional guidance, support, and resources for educators who teach the history of the Holocaust, as well as educational programs for the community at large.

“These survey results are tremendously important. It's good to know that the

majority is aware that a tragedy like the Holocaust could happen again — but the fact that 10% of those polled believe something about the Holocaust was falsified is truly disturbing,” said HERC President **Elizabeth Ricci**. “HERC is deeply committed to its noble and necessary mission work to educate students about the history of the Holocaust so that a similar catastrophe can never happen again.”

Florida is one of 16 states to **statutorily mandate** that K-12 students receive instruction on the Holocaust and the law requires that instruction to **make clear** the Holocaust was a “systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other groups by Nazi Germany.” Florida was the fourth state in the country to institute the requirement, which has been in effect since 1994.

The HERC survey was conducted by **Sachs Media** on April 21. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.4 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. The full results of the survey are [available online](#).



Summer Program

July 11-15, 2022

Tallahassee Community College – 111 Progress Dr.



High School Students can earn service hours through art, music, literature and with meeting a Holocaust survivor. The week concludes visiting The Florida Holocaust Museum

Cost: \$250
(Scholarships available)



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Summer Program

July 11-15, 2022

Parents and high schoolers are excited about HERC's first Summer Service Program to be held at TCC the week of July 11th.

Students will read the recently banned graphic novel *Maus*, engage in daily thought-provoking discussions, and earn service

hours by helping paint a *Maus* themed mural led by Dave Gussak, Professor of FSU's Graduate Art Therapy Program. (No artistic skills are required!) The program will culminate with a trip to the Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg.

Here's What People are Saying:

*“ As a schoolteacher, I welcome the opportunity to interact and discuss *Maus* with high school students, and to see it culminate in a work of art supervised by Dr. Gussak. ”*

– Tania Alliman (Summer Program Volunteer)

“ When we left the Washington DC school trip, the conversation we had most often was about the visit to the Holocaust Museum. The sign on the way out of the door was “Never Forget.” What [my son] Will learned there made what he had learned previously seem more real. The opportunity to make sure others right here in our community also “Never Forget” is one Will is looking forward to being part of. High school students, and to see it culminate in a work of art supervised by Dr. Gussak. ”

– Don Yaeger (Parent)

“ So many kids my age are not familiar with the tragedy. I want to learn what happened, make some new friends, and of course start earning service hours! ”

– Belén Rambana (rising 9th grader)

“ HERC's recent survey results showed alarming levels of ignorance about the Holocaust among American adults. It is my hope that this program will improve awareness, change beliefs, and improve the climate so our kids can live in a future which never repeats the tragedies of the Holocaust! ”

– Elizabeth Ricci (HERC President)

Students will receive a copy of *Maus*, a t-shirt, transportation to and from the museum as well as admission. Tuition is \$250.00. Need-based scholarships are available.

[Click Here to Register and for More Information.](#)



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HOLOCAUST EDUCATION RESOURCE COUNCIL

Dr. Michael Berenbaum

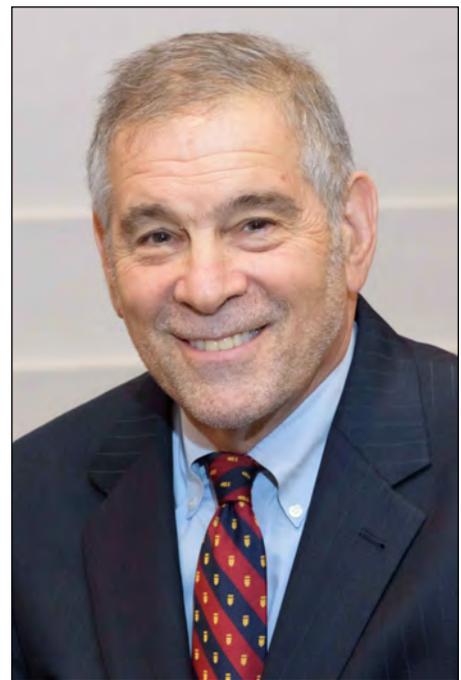
Tuesday, June 14th at 7 pm

Location: Temple Israel

2215 Mahan Drive ♦ Tallahassee

Featured speaker **Michael Berenbaum**, an eminent Holocaust historian who played a lead role in the US Holocaust Memorial Museum's creation, will discuss the importance of understanding a lesser-known part of the *"Final Solution."*

Come to HERC's June 14th event to hear Berenbaum speak on the relevance today of the *"Holocaust by bullets,"* the murder of as many as two million Jews in eastern Europe, including at least 1.5 million in Ukraine. Help us use the power of truth to confront the dangerous distortion and misuse of this history — most recently to justify Russia's war against Ukraine



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Tallahassee's Jewish Community Center

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Expanding How We Teach About the Holocaust: *New Topics and Media*

June 20-21, 2022 • 8:30 am-3:30 pm

Tallahassee Community College – 444 Appleyard Dr. – *Workforce Development Building (WD)*

Whether you're new to teaching about the Holocaust, or a veteran, it's time we expand what Holocaust classes can teach our students. History, yes. Geography, civics, and how fascism rises, of course. Yet we can also use primary sources to develop curiosity; analyze photographs; understand Jewish life – falling in love, sibling rivalry, overcoming hardship, and rebuilding lives; and more.

[Centropa](#), a historical institute based in Vienna, interviewed 1,200 elderly Jews living in 15 European countries. We did not use video but asked our respondents to tell us their entire life stories spanning the 20th c. as they showed us their old family photographs, which we digitized.

Teachers use Centropa's database of photographs, interviews, and short multimedia films to teach history, Holocaust, social studies, geography, ELA, art, foreign languages, filmmaking, photography, technology, and civics. All resources are FREE.

In this webinar you will:

- reconnect to why you wanted to be a teacher in the first place;
- explore Centropa's database of photographs and interviews and create lessons for your classroom;
- revisit Holocaust topics, such as Kristallnacht and the Kindertransport, and learn how to teach them with new resources and in new ways;
- learn Holocaust stories rarely taught – those from Hungary, and about Sephardic Jews in the Balkans (the former Yugoslavia);
- return to class with ready-made activities, lessons, and projects, along with all of the resources you need to teach them;
- learn about Centropa's professional development opportunities.

Lunch, coffee, and snacks will be provided, and participants will earn professional development credit through the [Holocaust Education Resource Council](#) (HERC), which provides instructional guidance, support and resources for educators who teach the history of the Holocaust, and educational programs for the community at large.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Questions? Contact: [Lauren Granite](#) (Centropa) or [Barbara Goldstein](#) (HERC)



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2022

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DINNER

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



Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Ethan Katz

*Associate Professor of History and
Jewish Studies at UC-Berkeley
and Co-Director of the
Berkeley Antisemitism
Education Initiative.*

When: Tuesday, October 25, 2022
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

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ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DINNER

Sponsor Opportunities

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

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

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- HERC Annual Membership

REMEMBRANCE SPONSOR – \$500

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- 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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For more information contact Barbara Goldstein at 850-443-9649 or barbara@holocaustresources.org

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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

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Tallahassee, FL 32317

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