



## ***25<sup>th</sup> Annual Holocaust Remembrance Program***

The week of **March 11 – March 15, 2019**

**9:30 AM – 1:30 PM** daily

at the **Lincoln Park Jewish Center, 311 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704**

In partnership with Yonkers Public Schools, Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center, Congregation Vayetar Yitzchok, and JCY-Westchester Community Partners, the following will speak to student groups and the community at-large:

- **March 11 – Jose Coltof [10:00-11:00 am and 12:00-1:00 pm]** Jose Coltof lived with her father and mother in the Netherlands. She and her mother went into hiding; her father was murdered at Auschwitz. When Jose was 4 months old, her mother gave her to strangers for safekeeping. She was raised by a devout Protestant family who loved her dearly. Jose's message is one of hope and heroism.
  - **March 12 – Alan Moskin [10:00-11:00 am and 12:00-1:00 pm]** Alan Moskin will share how his army unit liberated Gunskirchen and Mauthausen camps.
  - **March 13 – Agnes Vertes [10:00-11:00 am and 12:00-1:00 pm]** Agnes Vertes, her mother, and younger sister lived with relatives in the countryside to escape bombings. They escaped with her father, but not one of those in the villages survived. She and her sister returned to Budapest where a woman promised their parents she would keep the girls safe. Agnes' presentation discusses how they were saved.
  - **March 14 – Dr. Moshe Avital [10:00-11:00 am and 12:00-1:00 pm]** Moshe Avital, at the age of 14, survived ghetto life in Hungary and Auschwitz and, when freed, fought the war of liberation in the Israeli army. Dr. Avital speaks half a dozen languages and has published 15 books- half a dozen on the Holocaust.
  - **March 15 – Judith Altmann [10:00-11:00 am]** In 1944, Judy Altmann was arrested and sent to Auschwitz concentration camp and on to Essen and Gelsenkirchen Labor camps. From there she was transported to Bergen Belsen concentration camp. Judith was liberated by the British Army.
- March 15 – Betty Knoop [12:00-1:00 pm]** Betty Knoop was born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. She was 8 years old when the Germans invaded her country. Her family was arrested and sent to camp Westerbork and on to Bergen Belsen concentration camp. Betty was a contemporary of Anne Frank, lived in the same neighborhood and was deported to the same concentration camp.

**Admission is FREE, but reservations for groups are required by February 8, 2019**

Plan for a two-hour visit to include speaker and a viewing of 'THE COURAGE TO REMEMBER: The Holocaust 1933-1945', by the Simon Wiesenthal Center.  
Contact Valerie Cursio at 914-963-5158 ext. 512 or [vcursio@jcy-wcp.com](mailto:vcursio@jcy-wcp.com)



JCY-Westchester Community Partners is a division of Family Service Society of Yonkers  
30 South Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701

Phone: (914) 423-5009 ♦ Fax: (914) 308-3281 [info@jcy-wcp.com](mailto:info@jcy-wcp.com) ♦ [www.jcy-wcp.com](http://www.jcy-wcp.com)  



a division of Family  
Service Society of  
Yonkers



## *Holocaust Remembrance Program Engages Yonkers Students In Living History*

To honor the memory of the 12 million victims of this horrific genocide, JCY-Westchester Community Partners and Yonkers Public Schools is offering the Holocaust Remembrance Program from March 11, 2019 through March 15, 2019. All Yonkers Public School students, as well as the entire community, are invited to attend. The event features personal accounts presented by survivors as well as a poster display, 'Courage to Remember' by the Simon Wiesenthal Center. The posters depict the history, resistance, and impact of the Holocaust.

Last year, Holocaust survivors shared their very personal stories with 2,300 middle and high school students. The students listened, asked questions, and learned first-hand how the Holocaust impacted real people. This "living history lesson" is intended to promote empathy and underscore the importance of having respect for all people.

Students learn to apply the lessons from the Holocaust survivors to become "upstanders" (those who stand up for their neighbors) instead of bystanders. One student who attended the program last year wrote, *"One valuable lesson I learned from the Holocaust is to help one another be an upstander. If you are always silent you are accepting hate, and encouraging evil. Instead, I will help and give power to the defenseless by standing up for them."*

### **"Never Again"!**

Holocaust Remembrance Program is coordinated by JCY-Westchester Community Partners in partnership with **Yonkers Public Schools, Congregation Vayetar Yitzchok** and **The Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center**. Funding is provided by **Marc and Carine Furgang**, the **Chuck Goldman Family Supporting Foundation** and the **City of Yonkers**.  
**Program held at Lincoln Park Jewish Center.**

*This is the last generation of  
children who will ever meet a  
Holocaust survivor!*



**Lincoln Park  
Jewish Center**

