



## ***Holocaust Remembrance Program***

*The week of March 7 – March 11, 2016*

*10:00 AM - 2:00 PM daily*

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

With the cooperation of The Yonkers Public Schools, Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center, Lincoln Park Jewish Center, and JCY-Westchester Community Partners, the following people will speak to student groups and the community at-large.

(\* = highly recommended for high school students) (\* = highly recommended for younger students)

- **March 7 – Ms. Esther Geizhals [10:00-11:00 am]** Esther Geizhals, at the age of 10, survived the Lodz ghetto in Poland, several concentration camps, the death march of 1945, and life in a displaced person camp in Germany until coming to the U.S. with a youth group in 1947.
- **\*March 7 – Mr. Alan Moskin [12:00 -1:00 pm]** Alan Moskin will share how his army unit participated in the liberation of Guns kirchen and Mauthausen concentration camps.
- **March 8 – Ms. Betty Knoop [10:00-11:00 am]** Betty Knoop was deported with her family from Holland to Bergen-Belsen via the Dutch transit camp of Westerbork (same camp as Anne Frank) and was liberated at Tröbitz by the Soviets.
- **March 8 - Mr. Paul Galan [12:00 -1:00 pm]** Paul Galan, a native of the former Czechoslovakia, survived the Holocaust through a series of unusual circumstances and a great deal of good luck. He immigrated to the U.S. as a teenager with his parents in 1951.
- **\*March 9 – Ms. Bettina Graf [10:00-11:00 am]** Bettina Graf lived under Nazi occupation in Austria, survived the London Blitz in 1940 and a torpedo attack on a ship heading to the U.S.
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- **March 10– Dr. Moshe Avital [10:00-11:00 am]** 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.
- **March 10 – Ms. Agnes Vertes [12:00-1:00 pm]** Agnes Vertes, her younger sister, and her mother lived with relatives in the countryside to escape the bombing. Then her father came for them. "Not one of those in the villages survived. Soon after she and her sister returned to Budapest. A woman came and promised their parents she would keep the girls safe. Her presentation discusses how they were ultimately saved.
- **March 11– Ms. Lore Strauss [10:00-11:00am]** Lore Strauss, a native of Germany, lived through the destruction of Kristallnacht, an escape to France and hiding in Paris until liberation.
- **March 11– Ms. Jose Coltof [12:00-1:00 pm]** Jose Coltof lived with her father and mother in France. Her mother and she went into hiding; her father was murdered at Auschwitz. At 4 months old, her mother gave her to strangers for safekeeping where she was raised by a devout Protestant family who loved her dearly. Her message is one of hope and heroism.

**Admission is FREE, but reservations for Groups are required by February 2, 2016!**

Plan for a two-hour visit to include exhibit and speakers.

Suggested preparatory lesson plans are available upon request.

**Bus transportation is available FREE for Yonkers Public Schools**

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## *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 Lincoln Park Jewish Center will offer the Holocaust Remembrance Program from March 7, 2016 through March 11, 2016. All Yonkers Public School students, as well as the entire community, are invited to attend. The event features live accounts given by survivors and 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 2,500 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, **"I will remember to always protect, prevent and never be silent in dangerous situations as you can be a hero for stopping these things. Never again should this happen as we have outgrown our violent past and now we must have a peaceful future forever."**

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

The Holocaust Remembrance Program is coordinated by JCY-Westchester Community Partners in partnership with ***The Yonkers Public Schools*** and is sponsored by ***Lincoln Park Jewish Center*** and ***The Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center***.

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



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