



Participants in the Conference for Holocaust Education Centers sponsored by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Hope and The Human Spirit

**Where there's hope there's life.* Anne M. Frank, June 6, 1944

Date	Guiding Question	Event / Resource
<p>Monday June 15, 2020</p>	<p>Although Anne Frank's life was cut short, how did her diary entry from April 4, 1944, become a reality?</p>	<p>On April 4, 1944, Anne Frank wrote in her diary "If God lets me live ... I shall not remain insignificant; I shall work in the world and for mankind!" On June 12, 2020, Anne would have turned 91.</p> <p>EXHIBIT: "Anne Frank The Writer" produced by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Between the ages of 13 and 15, Anne Frank wrote short stories, fairy tales, essays, and the beginnings of a novel. Five notebooks and more than 300 loose pages, meticulously handwritten during her two years in hiding, survived the war. Launch the exhibition "An Unfinished Story" to reveal the original writings – through sound and images – of a young woman who had great ambition to be a writer. Click - EXHIBIT</p> <p>VIDEO: "Anne and Margot, Beloved and Unforgettable" – An Evening with Their Cousin, Buddy Elias. The 39-minute video was filmed during Buddy and Gerti Elias's 2014 visit to the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial; Buddy died in 2015. Click - VIDEO</p> <p>VR TOUR: Explore the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial with a 360-degree view. Click – TOUR</p>
<p>Tuesday June 16, 2020</p>	<p>How does the hope for a better world depend upon each one of us?</p>	<p>LIVE WEBINAR (via Zoom) 2:00-3:00 PM MST: "Hope and The Human Spirit" – A Conversation with Rabbi Dan Fink (Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel – Idaho), Rabbi Hirshi Sputz (Chabad of Fairmount – Pennsylvania), and TBA (Wisconsin) moderated by Dr. Dan Prinzing, Executive Director of the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights (Boise)</p> <p>Click - WEBINAR Webinar ID: 837 3904 6922 Password: 604123</p> <p>LIVE EVENT (via Facebook) 7:00-8:00 PM CDT: <i>The Art of Inventing Hope: Intimate Conversations with Elie Wiesel</i> hosted by the Holocaust Education Resource Center (Milwaukee)</p>

		<p>Julia Fello, anchor/reporter WTMJ-TV Milwaukee, talks with Howard Reich, author of <i>The Art of Inventing Hope</i>, about his unprecedented, in-depth conversation with Elie Wiesel. Reich’s father, Robert Reich, and Wiesel were both liberated from the Buchenwald death camp on April 11, 1945. How does one survive the horrors of the Holocaust? Wiesel helps Reich to discover that in shared memory there is hope. Click – EVENT</p>
<p>Wednesday June 17, 2020</p>	<p>What personal characteristics enable hope in a seemingly hopeless world?</p>	<p>LIVE WEBINAR (via Zoom) 3:00-4:00 PM EST: Connecting Communities: A Conversation with Auschwitz Survivor Gita Cycowicz moderated by Echoes and Reflections (Yad Vashem) in Jerusalem, Israel.</p> <p>Gita is a fighter, a mother, a therapist, and an Auschwitz survivor. Born in a part of the world that changed hands from Czechoslovakia to Hungary, she was ghettoized, starved, dehumanized, and deported to Auschwitz and other forced labor camps. Through all this she kept her humanity and dignity.</p> <p>Registration is required through the following link: https://info.echoesandreflections.org/a-conversation-with-auschwitz-survivor-gita-cycowicz</p> <p>VR TOUR: “Panorama of Auschwitz 1 – A Bird’s Eye View” Click - TOUR</p>
<p>Thursday June 18, 2020</p>	<p>How does “choice” empower one to escape the prison of the past in order to embrace the future?</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED READING: <i>THE CHOICE: Embrace the Possible</i> Internationally acclaimed psychologist and Holocaust survivor Dr. Edith Eger tells her unforgettable story in this moving testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of choice in our lives.</p> <p>VIDEO: Dr. Edith Eger on “Supersoul Sunday” with Oprah talks about her book <i>The Choice</i> (40-minutes). Click - VIDEO</p>
<p>Friday June 19, 2020</p>	<p>How does tradition help us frame our struggle toward a brighter future?</p>	<p>LIVE EVENT (via Zoom) 6:45-7:45 PM EST: Celebrate a Socially-Distant Shabbat</p> <p>In these unprecedented times, each of us needs community to buoy our spirits. Join the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation and the students from the Jack Barrack Hebrew Academy for a virtual kabbalat shabbat, complete with prayers, a “shared snack,” a d’var torah reflecting on the challenges of our current times, and a conversation with a Holocaust survivor.</p> <p>CLICK - SHABBAT Meeting ID: 878 3403 3650 Password: 936005</p>

		<p>On July 15, 1944, Anne Frank wrote, “It’s difficult in times like these; ideals, dreams and cherished hopes rise within us, only to be crushed by grim reality. It’s a wonder I haven’t abandoned all my ideals, they seem so absurd and impractical. Yet I cling to them because I still believe, in spite of everything, that people are truly good at heart.”</p> <p>ARTICLE: “10 Ways Youth Can Engage in Activism” published by the ADL.</p> <p>Our country has a long history of youth-led movements that brought about significant social change. Young people have advocated for child labor laws, voting rights, civil rights, school desegregation, immigration reform and LGBTQ rights. Through their actions, the world has changed. Because young people often have the desire, energy and idealism to do something about the injustice they see in the world, they are powerful agents for change. Click – ARTICLE</p>
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*Quote featured in the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial

References

ADL (Anti-Defamation League): a leading anti-hate organization founded in 1913 in response to an escalating climate of anti-Semitism and bigotry, dedicated to protect the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment for all (<https://www.adl.org/>)

Echoes and Reflections: dedicated to reshaping the way that teachers and students understand, process, and navigate the world through the events of the Holocaust (<https://echoesandreflections.org/>)

Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center (HERC) - Milwaukee, Wisconsin: dedicated to the building of society founded on the values of tolerance, diversity, dignity and respect toward all human beings; to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust; and to teaching both students and adults lessons that can be learned from this history and these stories (<http://HolocaustCenterMilwaukee.org>)

Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: preserving the lessons of the past to create a future of tolerance maintaining and developing programming for the Horwitz-Wasserman Holocaust Memorial Plaza, an outdoor educational space on the site of Nathan Rapoport’s *Monument to Six Million Jewish Martyrs* (<https://www.philaholocaustmemorial.org/>)

Spiral of Injustice: a model created by the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights to illustrate the devolution of humanity whether discussing the Holocaust, other genocides, or contemporary acts of injustice. The model suggests that the “stages” of injustice (language, avoidance, discrimination, violence, and elimination) are in motion and employed as weapons for targeting “the other.”

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum - Washington, D.C.: inspires citizens and leaders worldwide to confront hatred, prevent genocide, and promote human dignity (<https://www.ushmm.org/>)

Wassmuth Center for Human Rights - Boise, Idaho: builder and home of the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial to promote respect for human dignity and diversity through education and foster individual responsibility to work for peace and justice (<https://wassmuthcenter.org/>)