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HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE WEEK AT OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE

TOMS RIVER – The Center for Peace, Genocide, and Holocaust Studies at Ocean County College cordially invites the public to take part in **Holocaust Remembrance Week**, from **April 12-16** on the OCC Main Campus, College Drive, Toms River, NJ.

The Center has scheduled a number of special programs to honor the memory and human spirit of those who perished in the Holocaust; pay tribute to those who survived; and create awareness of the prejudice, indifference, and hatred that fueled the Nazi genocide.

Monday, April 12

9:30 a.m. in the Solar Lounge:

- Welcome, prayer, and candle lighting led by Rabbi Ellen Wolintz-Fields, Cong. B'nai Israel, Toms River
- Musical Performance: Dr. Beth Brierley, OCC Associate Professor of Humanities
- Memorial ceremony at flag display on campus mall

12:30 p.m. in the Technology Building Lecture Hall:

- *Voyage of the Damned*: Guest speaker Fred Buff, of Paramus, NJ, was one of the few German Jews to survive while fleeing Nazi Germany in 1939 aboard the German ship *St. Louis*, which was denied access to the United States. He is the author of *Riding the Storm Waves: The St. Louis Diary of Fred Buff*.

5:00-6:15 p.m. and **6:30-7:45p.m.** in the Technology Building Lecture Hall:

- Welcome, prayer, and candle lighting led by Dr. Ali Botein-Furrevig, OCC Assistant Professor of English
- *I Never Saw Another Butterfly: Art and Poetry of the Children in Terezin Camp*: Lecture and PowerPoint by Dr. Ali Botein-Furrevig

Tuesday, April 13

9:30 a.m. in the Solar Lounge:

- Welcome, prayer, and candle lighting led by Dr. vAli Botein-Furrevig
- *And They Shall Have an Everlasting Name*: Student readers Tess Bungay, Kristen Gambay, and Deshawn Harrison
- Musical Performance: Dr. Beth Brierley

11:00 a.m. in the Solar Lounge:

- *My Secret Life: A Survivor's Story*: Guest speaker Helena Flaum, of Farmingdale, NJ, was a child living in Poland when the war broke out. Using a borrowed Christian identity, the 12-year-old was able to escape to Germany, where she worked in an ammunitions factory for three years, scared she would be identified as a Jew. Flaum's entire family was killed by the Nazis.

Wednesday, April 14

8:00-10:30 a.m. in the Technology Building Lecture Hall:

- *Paper Clips*: Viewing and discussion of a film based on the true story of a rural Tennessee middle school's unique class project to collect six million paper clips to honor Holocaust victims.

11:00a.m.-1:30p.m. in the Technology Building Lecture Hall

- Welcome, prayer, candle lighting led by Dr. Ali Botein-Furrevig
- *Phases of the Holocaust*: Lecture by Richard Trimble, OCC Assistant Professor of History
- *Soul Saving: Common Threads of Kindness*: Viewing and discussion of uplifting film chronicling the many acts of kindness that allowed Holocaust survivors to live another day and restored belief in their fellow man.

5:00-6:15 p.m. and **6:30-7:45 p.m.** in the Technology Building Lecture Hall:

- Introduction and prayer led by Dr. Ali Botein-Furrevig
- *Ambulance*: Viewing and discussion on a powerful short film based on the life of teacher Janusz Korczak.

Thursday, April 15

8:00-10:30 a.m. in the Technology Building Lecture Hall:

- *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*: Viewing and discussion of inspiring film about the power of the human spirit, based on John Boyne's best-seller about the forbidden friendship between the young son of a high ranking Nazi official and the young Jewish boy he discovers in a concentration camp.

2:00 p.m. in the Technology Building Lecture Hall:

- *Upstanders: A Readers' Theater Play* about genocide, followed by a performance by the OCC Student Theatre Group under the direction of Dr. Beth Brierley.

6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Technology Building Lecture Hall:

- Welcome, prayer, and candle lighting led by Dr. Ali Botein Furrevig
- *And They Shall Have an Everlasting Name*: Student readers Rosemary Buehler, Janielle Schnitzer, and Kathy Grady
- *Out of the Ashes, I Stand Here Before You Today*: Guest speaker Rose Leiter, OCC Adjunct History Professor, talks about surviving the Holocaust.

Friday, April 16

2:00 p.m. in the Technology Building Lecture Hall:

- *German-Jewish Women Writers in Exile: Metaphors of Loss and Persecution in the Works of Margarete Kollisch, Ilse Blumethal-Weiss, and Vera Lachmann:* Lecture by Dr. Gert Niers, Retired OCC Professor of Humanities.

Additional April Events

Monday, April 19

11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Technology Building Lecture Hall:

- *Inheritance:* Viewing and discussion of haunting documentary about the 1994 meeting between the daughter of Nazi Commandant Amon Goeth and Monmouth County resident Helen Jonas Rosenzweig, who lived enslaved under Goeth's roof as his servant and prey for nearly two years.
- *Soul Saving: Common Threads of Kindness:* Viewing and discussion of film that chronicles acts of kindness that allowed survivors to live another day and restored belief in their fellow man.

Tuesday, April 27

9:00-11:30 a.m. in the Technology Building Lecture Hall:

- *Degenerate Art: Nazi vilification of the avant-garde and their attack on modern culture:* Presentation by Dr. Ali Botein-Furrevig
- *Soul Saving: Common Threads of Kindness:* Viewing and discussion of film that chronicles acts of kindness that allowed survivors to live another day and restored belief in their fellow man.

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