

CONTINUE THE LEGACY OF THE HOLOCAUST

The New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education was established in 1991. Prior to that, under the guidance and leadership of Governor Tom Kean, New Jersey in 1982, established the first Council on Holocaust Education in the country. In 1994, under the continued leadership of Governor Christine Todd Whitman, the legislation mandating the teaching of the Holocaust and genocide was signed into law.

The core mission of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education is to promote Holocaust/genocide education in the state of New Jersey. The Commission shall also develop awareness programs and coordinate designated events that will provide appropriate memorialization of the Holocaust on a regular basis throughout the state. The Commission will provide assistance to the schools by developing curriculum, reviewing and recommending material and implementing training programs.

All of the above would not be possible without generous donations from individuals and companies like you. And that's where you come in. Any amount you're willing to donate would be greatly appreciated! Not only that, but by contributing you will also be receiving free advertising and positive public relations in the community.

If you wish to know more about the Commission and the many programs/events we are involved in, please feel free to contact:

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Mandate Legislation

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

- 1. The legislature finds and declares that:
 - a. New Jersey has recently become the focal point of national attention for the most venomous and vile of ethnic hate speeches.
 - b. There is an inescapable link between violence and vandalism and ethnic and racial intolerance. The New Jersey Department of Education itself has formally recognized the existence of the magnitude of this problem in New Jersey schools by the formation of a commissioner's Task Force on Violence and Vandalism.
 - c. New Jersey is proud of its enormous cultural diversity. The teaching of tolerance must be made a priority if that cultural diversity is to remain one of the State's strengths.
 - d. National studies indicate that fewer than 25% of students have an understanding of organized attempts throughout history to eliminate various ethnic groups through a systematic program of mass killing or genocide.
 - e. The New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, created pursuant to P.L. 1991, C. 193 (C.18A:4A-1 et. seq.), several years ago expanded its mission to study and recommend curricular material on a wide range of genocides. The Holocaust Commission is an ideal agency to recommend curricular materials to local districts.
- 2. The legislature also finds and declares that:
 - a. Every board of education shall include instruction on the Holocaust and genocides in an appropriate place in the curriculum of all elementary and secondary school pupils.
 - b. The instruction shall enable pupils to identify and analyze applicable theories concerning human nature and behavior; to understand that genocide is a consequence of prejudice and discrimination; and to understand that issues of moral dilemma and conscience have a profound impact on life. The instruction shall further emphasize the personal responsibility that each citizen bears to fight racism and hatred whenever and wherever it happens.
- 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to curriculum offerings in the 1994-95 school year.



Student/Survivor Program at Drumthwacket





2014 Colloquium at Brookdale Community



Student/Survivor Program

2015 Summer Seminar to the Infamous Sites of the



PROJECTS

All contributions for projects are geared to continuing of the legacy of the Holocaust.

- Student/Survivor Get Together
- Student Seminars
- Center Workshops (over 400 in 2014)
 - ✓ Training
 - ✓ Awareness
 - ✓ In-Depth
- Visitation to Museums
- Curriculum Development
- Commission Awards
 - √ Honey & Maurice Axelrod Award
 - ✓ Gina Lanceter "Power of One" Award
 - ✓ Hela Young Award
 - ✓ Jack Zaifman Humanitarian Award
 - ✓ Margit Feldman Teaching Award
 - ✓ Maud Dahme Award
 - ✓ Sister Rose Thering Award
- Kristallnacht & Yom HaShoah Programs



Governor Christine Todd Whitman signing the Holocaust/genocide mandate

The New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education has been continually involved in bringing together students and Holocaust survivors in many different venues. During the past years many schools, Centers, students and survivors have been involved. Students have researched the background of their survivor and developed presentations which are shown to students at their school.

The thirty one (31) Holocaust/Genocide Centers located in colleges & federations are the mainstay of meeting the mandate. They develop and carry out programs over the years.

The Holocaust Commission plays only a coordinating and advisory role; therefore, each Center had to resolve its funding issues individually. Some had professors use part of their individual teaching load, others found donations to support the Centers, and others worked with community groups. The Commission provided some funds for workshops, but the bulk of the funding has to be self generated. Each Center, however funded and however housed, had as its main responsibility to assist in the mandate. Over the years, each Center has created its own direction and signature but remains coordinated through the Commission.



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\bigcirc	Commission Awards - \$250
\bigcirc	Visits to Holocaust Museums - \$500
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