



2010 Holocaust Remembrance Activities United Nations Headquarters, New York

The 2010 observance of the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust will focus on a central theme: “The Legacy of Survival”, which emphasizes the universal lessons that the survivors will pass on to succeeding generations. With fewer survivors alive to tell their stories, it is of primary importance to share this legacy with people everywhere to encourage respect for diversity and human rights for generations to come.

A series of events will take place the week of 25 January 2010 at United Nations Headquarters in New York and at United Nations Information Centres around the world. The week-long observance at UN Headquarters in New York will include the following events:

Monday 25 January

- **Exhibit Opening: “Generations: Survival and the Legacy of Hope” 6:00 p.m.**
This exhibition shows that Holocaust survivors have a clear message to leave to the benefit of future generations, as well as to others who may have experienced similar persecution. Their legacy is deeply personal and painful, but has a compelling universal lesson for humanity—that one can survive and thrive with the promise of future generations to follow, carrying the traditions, beliefs and wisdom. The exhibition is a joint project of the UK Holocaust Centre, San Diego Jewish Cultural Centre and Conscience Display. The opening is sponsored by the USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education.
Venue: UN Public Lobby (Access through the UN visitors' entrance at 1st Avenue and 46 Street).
For more information, please contact sklapp@college.usc.edu

Tuesday 26 January

- **Exhibit Opening: “Architecture of Murder: The Auschwitz-Birkenau Blueprints” 6:00 p.m.**
The aim of the exhibition is to emphasize that Auschwitz-Birkenau, the concentration and extermination camp which became known worldwide as the insignia of human evil, was engineered for the destruction of European Jewry. The Auschwitz camp complex was the largest and most important extermination complex built by Nazi Germany. During the period of its operation between June 1940 and January 1945, the Germans murdered more than a million people on site, most of whom were Jews.

The exhibition was curated and produced by Yad Vashem - The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority and sponsored by the American & International Societies for Yad Vashem.

Venue: UN Public Lobby (Access through the UN visitors' entrance at 1st Avenue and 46 Street).

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Wednesday 27 January

- **Panel Discussion: “Interreligious Responses to the Holocaust: 65 Years after Liberation”, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**
B'nai B'rith International, in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations, will organize a discussion on the Shoah and its lessons, between senior Christian faith leaders (H.E. Archbishop Demetrios, Primate, Greek Orthodox Church in America and Chairman, Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas; Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon, General Secretary, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA; Most Rev. Bishop Gerald T. Walsh, Rector/President, St. Joseph's Seminary and Member, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Consultation with the National Council of Synagogues) and Daniel S. Mariaschin, Executive Vice President, B'nai B'rith International
Venue: Temporary North Lawn Building, Conference Room 2.*
R.S.V.P. by 22 January to rsvpUN@bnaibrith.org or 212-557-0019
- **Holocaust Memorial Ceremony and Concert, General Assembly Hall, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**
With the theme “Holocaust remembrance: the Legacy of Survival”, the solemn ceremony and concert will mark the 65th anniversary of the liberation of the former death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau and underscore the universal lessons that survivors will pass on to future generations. The event, to be opened by United Nations Under-Secretary-General Kiyo Akasaka, will include a message from United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, a message from the President of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, delivered by the Vice President, as well as brief remarks by H.E. Peter Wittig, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations and H.E. Yuli-Yoel Edelstein, Minister of Information and Diaspora, Israel. Keynote remarks will be made by Nechama Tec, Holocaust survivor, who will be joined by her son, Mr. Roland Tec, co-producer of the film “Defiance”. Mr. Andrzej Mirga, Senior Adviser on Roma Sinti Issues, ODIHR/OSCE, will also make a statement on the persecution and murder of the Roma and Sinti under the Nazi regime. The music will be performed by the Nürnberg Philharmonic Orchestra, the Jerusalem Oratorio Chamber Choir and the Bayreuth Zamir Chorale, conducted by Maestro Issak Tavior. Mr. Zev Salomon Muller, Chief Cantor of the West Side Institutional Synagogue, will recite the memorial prayers.

Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.
Please address registration request by 25 January to
holocaustremembrance@un.org (Subject line: Please indicate your name +
Registration 27 January Ceremony).

Thursday 28 January

- **DPI-NGO Briefing on “The Legacy of the Jews in Morocco”**

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

This briefing, which is part of the weekly DPI/NGO briefings, will focus on the legacy of the Jewish community in Northern Africa, where there was a concentration of Sephardic Jews. Mr. André Azoulay, Chief Adviser to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, will deliver a statement.

Please note that the DPI/NGO Briefing is open to NGOs associated with DPI and ECOSOC.

Venue: Temporary North Lawn Building, Conference Room 3 (to be confirmed)*
For more information please contact dpingo.briefings@un.org

- **Screening of the film “Defiance”, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Cosponsored by the United States Mission to the United Nations

Defiance (2h17, Paramount Pictures) is a feature film about Jewish partisans battling the Nazis in Belarus, starring Daniel Craig and Liev Schreiber. It is based on a true story that was detailed in the book with the same name written by Holocaust scholar and survivor Nechama Tec. Director Edward Zwick is well-known for his epic films such as *Blood Diamond* and *The Last Samurai*. This screening has been made possible by Paramount Pictures.

Please note that this film is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America and is not appropriate for young audiences.

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* The Temporary North Lawn Building is the new white building next to the UN Secretariat. Public without a UN Ground Pass may access it through the UN visitors’ entrance at 1st Avenue and 46 Street.