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**10th Annual Martin and Doris Rosen Summer Symposium on Remembering the Holocaust
to be held on the Campus of Appalachian State University**

Appalachian State University's Center for Judaic, Holocaust and Peace Studies will be sponsoring the 10th Annual Martin and Doris Rosen Summer Symposium on "Remembering the Holocaust" on Sunday, July 17th to Friday, July 22nd, 2011 at the Broyhill Inn and Conference Center on the ASU campus in Boone, North Carolina. The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany is the major underwriter of the symposium. While the symposium is primarily geared towards teachers, everyone in the community is welcome to attend any session. All sessions are free of charge. Teachers who attend all forty hours of the symposium will earn four CEUs.

One highlight of the symposium will be the survivor testimony of Morris Glass, a Holocaust survivor who lives in North Carolina. Other distinguished speakers are Dr. Michael Berenbaum, a founding director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Dr. Kenneth Waltzer, a professor of history at Michigan State University, Dr. John Cox, an assistant professor of history at UNC Charlotte, Scott Miller, a researcher at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Dr. Peter Cohen, a lecturer in religion at Clemson, and Dr. Harry Reicher, a law professor at the University of Pennsylvania. All will be presenting lectures in their areas of expertise. The range of topics to be covered includes Jewish culture and history, the history of Holocaust, the mind of the perpetrator, and resistance efforts. In addition, Appalachian State University faculty members Drs. Zohara Boyd, Rennie Brantz, and Rosemary Horowitz will facilitate a number of discussions.

Along with the lectures, there will be numerous teacher-oriented sessions. Teachers will learn how to use Holocaust literature, film, and survivor testimony in the classroom, as well as learn about online resources for learning and teaching about the Holocaust. Lee Holder, an award-winning educator from North Carolina will be in attendance all week to work with the teachers. Linda Scher, another North Carolina educator, will also be a guest speaker.

Several exhibits will be on display during the week. One will be the Florence and Laurence Spungen Family Foundation's collection of Holocaust-era stamps, covers, postcards, letters, bank note forgeries, and manuscripts from concentration camps and Jewish ghettos. Visitors will be able to touch and read documents as they peruse the collection, including a postcard from a guard at Dachau, a summons to an interrogation marked with a swastika, a fragment of Hebrew scripture, and a letter from one of the first men transported to Auschwitz.

Schedule of Events:

Sunday, July 17

10:00-12:00: History of Judaism
1:00-5:00: Jewish Culture

Monday, July 18

9:00-10:45: Historical Overview of the Holocaust & USHMM.org – Online Resources for Learning and Teaching about the Holocaust

11:00-12:15: The Fate of the *St. Louis*

1:00-3:30: “In the Mind of the Perpetrator” (Includes film excerpt from “Conspiracy”)

7:30-9:30: Keynote Evening: “How Much More Do We Know About the Holocaust? What Are We Still Likely to Learn?”

Dr. Michael Berenbaum

Tuesday, July 19

8:45-10:45: Film and the Holocaust

11:00-12:00: Spungen Holocaust Collection

1:30-3:30: Holocaust Survivor Testimony - Morris Glass

7:30-9:30: Keynote Evening: “No One Ever Died Illegally in Auschwitz”: The Nazis’ Obsession with Legalizing the Holocaust

Dr. Harry Reicher

Wednesday, July 20

9:00-12:00: Teacher Workshop

1:00-4:00: Literature of the Holocaust – Introduction to Elie Wiesel’s *Night*

7:30-9:30: Keynote Evening: “Children and Rescue at Buchenwald”

Dr. Ken Waltzer

Thursday, July 21

8:45-10:15: Using Survivor Testimony in the Classroom

10:30-12:00: Did They Fight Back? Jewish Resistance, Resilience, and Survival Strategies During the Holocaust.

1:00-3:00: The Purpose of Holocaust Education in the 21st Century: Racism, the Holocaust, and Modern Genocide

Friday, July 22

9:00-10:15: Discussion of Simon Wiesenthal's *Sunflower*

10:15-11:00: Continuing Your Holocaust Education

11:00-12:00: Closure, Evaluations, Recognitions, Graduation

Appalachian State University’s Center of Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies provides educational opportunities for students, teachers, and community members. The mission of the Center is to strengthen tolerance, understanding, and remembrance by increasing the knowledge of Jewish culture and history, teaching the history and meaning of the Holocaust, and using these experiences to explore peaceful avenues for human improvement and the prevention of future genocides. The symposium is one means of fulfilling the Center’s mission. Check the center’s website www.holocaust.appstate.edu, call 828-262-2311, or email holocaust@appstate.edu for more information.

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