



Generations of the Shoah International Newsletter
March, 2012

Dear Members and Friends,

Our thanks to Gerda Weissmann Klein and her granddaughter Alysia for being our film guests in February. In addition to answering our questions about her award winning film, we learned about Gerda's books and her new initiative Citizenship Counts: <http://citizenshipcounts.org/>. We hope those of you unfamiliar with this program will take the time to visit their website.

We turn our attention now to books and our March guest: **Alan Elsner's** journalistic career spans 30 years and includes stints as a Reuters correspondent in Jerusalem, Stockholm and Washington where he was State Department Correspondent, Chief Political Correspondent and National Correspondent. His Reuters career spanned 30 years from 1980 to 2010. He has written four books, two Holocaust-related. Elsner was centrally involved in the successful campaign to build a new memorial at the Nazi death camp of Belzec in eastern Poland where his grandparents were murdered in 1942. For more: http://www.genshoah.org/guest_bio/Alan_Elsner.html. To join facebook: www.facebook.com. You can join our discussion by clicking on the button link above.

Please send us the program information for your upcoming Yom Hashoah commemorations http://www.genshoah.org/contact_gsi.html. We are happy to provide free, worldwide publicity for all Holocaust-related programs.

Remember that your Yom Hashoah commemoration programs are an excellent time to encourage members of your community to help remember the names of the victims of the Holocaust by filling out Pages of Testimony. It is important to try to record the names of as many victims as possible and save as much of their life histories as possible. For more information: <http://www1.yadvashem.org/yv/en/remembrance/index.asp> and to see the form online: http://www.yadvashem.org/wps/portal!/ut/p/s.7_0_A/7_0_9M. See also <https://app.e2ma.net/app/view/CampaignPublic/id:1408071.7436983551/rid:f95b807548776545c04b1431c96563eb>

One of our favorite activities is to help new groups establish themselves in the survivor family community. Grandchildren of survivors in the Las Vegas area are encouraged to contact AshleyWiener@gmail.com.

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work chronicled people and events before, during and after the Holocaust and serves as a testimony to the enormous loss of lives, creative potential, talent and accomplishments.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/2012/01/25/gIQAQsvVQQ_photo.html

<http://www.zimbio.com/pictures/Ibfkexu->

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FYI... From the **US Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM)**

[World Memory Project Milestone, Holocaust Days of Remembrance, April 15–22,](#)

[Request a free CD/DVD Days of Remembrance planning resource »](#), Days of Remembrance Event Map: <http://www.ushmm.org/remembrance/dor/eventmap/>

The USHMM's collection of artifacts, documents, photographs, films, and oral testimonies stands as evidence of what happened and teaches the lessons of the Holocaust. The material that belonged to the victims and survivors relating their stories, experiences, and histories forms the basis of the collection. To rescue the evidence of the Holocaust, the Museum seeks original artifacts from survivors and their heirs, Jewish and non-Jewish, who were displaced, persecuted, or discriminated against due to the policies of the Nazis and their collaborators between 1933 and 1945, as well as from other eyewitnesses to these events. For more information please contact a Curator at the Museum at curator@ushmm.org. Contact person: Mr. Jaime J. Monllor, International Outreach Officer, Office of Collections jmonllor@ushmm.org

FYI... From the **US Department of State Official Blog:**

Making 'Never Again' a Reality: UNESCO Conference on Holocaust Education

http://blogs.state.gov/index.php/site/entry/unesco_education_holocaust

FYI... For updates on the changing events in the **Baltics:** www.DefendingHistory.com

FYI... Neo-Nazi Marches in Eastern Europe

The resurgence of neo-Nazism is spreading throughout Eastern Europe with marches and other neo-fascist activities sanctioned by governments who issue permits to groups whose only goal is to spread hate, intolerance and bigotry. Of particular concern is the neo-Nazi march scheduled in Vilnius on March 11, the country's Independence Day. To sign the petition to the Lithuanian Ambassador to the US urging him to persuade his country to cancel the march: <http://www.change.org/petitions/lithuanian-ambassador-to-the-united-states-ban-neo-nazis-from-desecrating-the-dignity-of-lithuanias-independence-day>

A petition for Hungary, which is experiencing the worst anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe, is at <http://www.change.org/petitions/the-government-of-hungary-stop-the-neo-nazi-movement-in-hungary>

FYI... For information on the [European Shoah Legacy Institute](#)

FYI... For information on **Lo Tishkach Foundation** European Jewish Cemeteries Initiative: <http://www.lo-tishkach.org>

FYI... The mission of **The Flame Society** is to teach the lessons learned from Holocaust by creating television programs, classroom educational materials and funding for Holocaust-related projects to ensure that mankind will never forget. For more: <http://www.theflamesociety.org/>