

Teaching and Learning About the Holocaust

The Capital District Council for the Social Studies and Holocaust Survivors & Friends Education Center invite teachers to this unique opportunity to be a part of a presentation by Steven Hess, a Holocaust survivor, and develop lessons related to the Holocaust.

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Educating Your Students Using Survivor Testimony

Rescheduled: Wednesday, April 19, 2023

4:00 – 6:00 PM

with
Steven Hess



A free seminar for certified teachers



© Michael J. Lutch: Marion Ein Lewin and Steven Hess hold a professional photograph of themselves, dressed in traditional Dutch costumes, from about a year before they were deported to the Westerbork and Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camps.

Steven Hess and his twin, Marion, were born in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1938 to German Jewish parents who had fled Nazi Germany in 1936. After the Nazi occupation of Holland, the family was sent in 1943 first to the Dutch Transit Camp of Westerbork and then deported to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, the camp where Anne Frank and her sister Margot died.

As the war was ending, his family survived two weeks on the infamous “Lost Transport,” a cattle train with two thousand sick and starving Jews destined for extermination. About 750 of them did not survive the journey. Freed by the Russian army in Tröbitz, Germany, the family was one of a handful to have survived intact. Of the approximately 110,000 Jews from Holland sent to Nazi camps and killing centers, fewer than 5% returned. Mr. Hess and his twin sister are also among the very few children younger than 15 to survive any concentration camp and the last camp twins.

Mr. Hess has taught and lectured widely on the Holocaust teaching at St. John Fisher College and recently online to students in Wyoming, New York, and elsewhere. He holds a B.A. from Columbia and served four years as a U.S. Naval Officer. Mr. Hess spent his career principally in the photographic equipment manufacturing business. He resides in Rochester, New York.

Shelly Shapiro, Director, Holocaust Survivors & Friends Education Center, will work with teachers on lesson development and sharing.

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Community Services Building
184 Washington Avenue Ext.,
Albany, NY 12203**

A light supper, including a vegetarian choice, will be provided.

NOTE: There is no fee, but registration is required. Please register by Wednesday, April 12, 2023. CTLE credit will be provided by the Capital District Council for the Social Studies. For more information, contact Diane Freer, (518) 694-9984, or Shelly Shapiro, (518) 694-9965, at the Holocaust Education Center or Mary Miller at Capital District Council for the Social Studies, communications@cdcsc.org.

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