



HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS
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Calgary Jewish Federation's Holocaust and Human Rights: Remembrance and Education

department offers a variety of education programs to schools in Calgary and surrounding area. With options for both in person and virtual learning, we provide dynamic opportunities to increase student knowledge about Holocaust history and antisemitism today. We also empower teachers to identify and respond to antisemitism in schools. Many of the programs listed in this brochure can be modified to fit unique classroom needs. All programs, with the exception of those offered virtually from Yad Vashem, are free.

The mission of the **Holocaust and Human Rights: Remembrance and Education** department of **Calgary Jewish Federation**

is to promote acceptance, social justice, and human rights through education and remembrance of the Holocaust.

As the primary leader in Holocaust education for Southern Alberta, our department engages thousands of students annually. In addition, we present, partner, and sponsor numerous public cultural and commemorative events to memorialize those who perished and honour those who survived.



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1 Here to Tell: Faces of Holocaust Survivors (Classroom/Boardroom Presentation)

This 90-minute, in-person program, is offered free of charge to junior and senior high school students, and the corporate community in Calgary. The program provides an overview of the Holocaust, an introduction to a number of Alberta-connected Holocaust survivors, and features a 30-minute documentary on the making of *Here to Tell: Faces of Holocaust Survivors*. Participants come away with a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Holocaust, as well as the resilience and trauma experienced by our survivors.

2 Second Voices

The Second Voices Project is a series of Holocaust survivor testimonials brought into schools by second and third generation descendants of Holocaust survivors. With help from a generous grant from The Government of Alberta, Calgary Jewish Federation has created multi-media presentations whereby children and grandchildren bring their parents' or grandparents' survivor testimony to life in grade 4 to 12 classrooms. Students learn the history of the Holocaust through a survivor's story while absorbing valuable lessons about human rights, tolerance, and the dangers of hatred. Contact our department to determine which testimonial would work best for your classroom needs. These free presentations generally run 90 minutes in length and allow for questions at the end. The presentations are offered in-person as well as virtually.

3 How was the Holocaust Possible? The Role of Propaganda and Censorship

How was it possible for the Nazis, and their collaborators, to systematically murder six million Jewish people, during a time of civilization? In studying the Holocaust, it is imperative to look at the role that both propaganda and censorship played in aiding the Nazi dictatorship. How did the Nazis gain such widespread support from the German people? This 60-minute presentation allows students to explore how propaganda and censorship were used by the Nazis, and to reflect on the power and influence of words.

4 Holocaust Education Symposium

For over 40 years, local Holocaust survivors and their descendants have shared their Holocaust experiences with thousands of high school students at Calgary Jewish Federation's bi-annual Holocaust Education Symposium. This year's in-person spring session Symposium will run from May 5 to 9 and May 12 to 16 at Calgary Central Library. New this year – students will have the unique opportunity to learn from a Holocaust educator visiting from Poland, in addition to hearing testimony from a Holocaust survivor or descendant and watching the documentary *Path to Nazi Genocide*. In-person Symposium is open to all Calgary students grades 10 to 12. Attendance and busing are provided free of charge to schools. Registration opens February 3, 2025.

5 The Suitcase

A replica suitcase is available for classes to borrow for up to three weeks. It is designed to put primary documents and artefacts connected to someone who went through the Holocaust into the hands of students. They are then encouraged to examine, describe, and analyze the items as a means to investigate issues of discrimination, segregation, hiding, and resistance, as well as the aftermath of war and immigration. Learning is supported by student information cards and teacher guides. Recommended for elementary school classes, grade 4 and up. This program is offered free of charge.

6 Yad Vashem Programs

Established in 1953, Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, is entrusted with the task of commemorating, documenting, researching and educating about the Holocaust: remembering the over six million Jews murdered by the German Nazis and their collaborators, the destroyed Jewish communities, and the ghetto and resistance fighters; and honoring the Righteous Among the Nations who risked their lives to rescue Jews during the Holocaust. For approximately \$250 per program, Yad Vashem offers teachers and their students the opportunity to delve deeper into the victims of the Holocaust and the roles of bystanders and perpetrators. It is highly recommended that the virtual tour of Yad Vashem be undertaken before students are led through any of the interactive Yad Vashem programs.

Holocaust Series for Teens: Tour of Yad Vashem for Teens

Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Centre, is the ultimate source for Holocaust education. Explore the history of the Holocaust with one of Yad Vashem's expert guides on a one-of-a-kind virtual tour of the Holocaust History Museum. Suitable for teens ages 15 to 18 years.

Holocaust Series for Teens: Last Letters

Virtual, interactive program to review the final letters sent from Holocaust victims to their loved ones. Each archival letter and postcard reveals the inner world and fate of Jews in the Holocaust. For many recipients, these were the last greetings from the home and people they left behind. Suitable for teens ages 15 to 18 years.

Holocaust Series for Teens: How was it Humanly Possible?

Human choice and human made circumstances led to the murder of six million Jews and millions of others. This virtual interactive program looks at both the historical discipline and moral concern regarding the perpetrators and bystanders of the Holocaust. Suitable for ages 15 to 18 years.

The Auschwitz Album

Through photographs, actual letters from prisoners, to survivor testimony, this virtual presentation gives participants an important piece of visual documentation of the workings at the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration and extermination camp. Participants will have the unique opportunity to explore Auschwitz, depicting the arrival and selection, and what it really meant to be a prisoner inside the camp. This program also includes a pre-recorded tour of Auschwitz Block 27 (the Jewish block).

Holocaust Series for Kids: Memories in a Suitcase

This interactive program introduces Calgary youth ages 11 to 14 years to the Holocaust. Participants follow the lives and experiences of four separate children, by examining the contents of a virtual suitcase. The items found within tell the stories of children whose Holocaust experiences are as varied as their fates.

To book a program or for further information contact Marnie Bondar or Dahlia Libin at holocaustedu@jewishcalgary.org