



Legacy



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We Were Curious

Phyllis G. Weinstein, Chair

DATES TO REMEMBER:

DARKNESS INTO LIFE

September 15, 2010

Wallace State
Hanceville, AL

October 22, 2010

Montevallo Public Library
Montevallo, AL

December 9, 2010

Lewis Cooper, Jr. Memorial
Library

Opelika, AL

February 22, 2011

Birmingham Public Library
Birmingham, AL

ALABAMA HOLOCAUST COMMISSION

QUARTERLY MEETING

October 24

12:30 pm Educators Meeting

2:00 pm General Meeting

Aronov Center

Montgomery, AL

TEACHER CADRE MEETING

September 16, 6:30 pm

BHEC Office

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November 9, 2010

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Just how effective is our program in reaching out to people with our message about the Holocaust?

What We Have Accomplished

Considering that we are all volunteers, with no state funding to enable us to conduct a professional survey, we conducted a very unscientific poll to answer this primary question. This is the result.

Through the activities of the Alabama Holocaust Commission (AHC), and the Birmingham Holocaust Education Committee (BHEC) we have:

- Reached more than 20,000 students, teachers and members of civic groups;
- Provided programs in which Holocaust survivors have spoken to over 50 schools;
- Sent *LEGACY* to over 2750 homes;
- *Darkness into Life* exhibited in 8 cities, viewing audience reached into the thousands;
- Involved 305 teachers in 175 schools in the Alexandra Zapruder Educational Tour;

Only through the dedication of many volunteers and our wonderful donors were we able to accomplish such an effective program.

A Recent Study

A recent study suggests . . . “that knowledge of the Holocaust is relatively low in America”. We hear from students that they were never taught about this dark period in human history, evidence which bears out the study quoted above. It challenges us to intensify our ability to eradicate this ignorance. In this *LEGACY* you will read of the increasing wide breadth of our program, which we hope will continue to accomplish our goals.

Antisemitism and Holocaust Denial

Our work takes on added significance, knowing of the increasing incidents of antisemitism throughout the world, especially in the South, and the continual ‘beating the drum’ by certain groups of Holocaust deniers. Through the new communication frontier – the internet and other technology – their message is carried to the far corners of the globe, convincing the unknowing and ignorant that the Holocaust is a myth, an event that never happened. All of this is occurring at the same time that there is a continually decreasing number of living Holocaust survivors who can speak the truth of the events that took place in World War II.

BHEC Website

To help counter this inaccurate information, we are pleased that the new Birmingham Holocaust Education Committee website; www.bhamholocausteducation.org, will soon be fully operational. Ann Mollengarden, a member of the AHC and Education Coordinator for the BHEC, is creating and will manage our website. It is an extraordinary educational resource for all who seek knowledge of the Holocaust. Please let your family and friends know of this valuable educational tool.

Volunteers and Donors Provide Assistance

With the continued help of our volunteers and our generous donors, we will be able to create more effective programs to teach the lessons of the Holocaust, promoting a greater appreciation of man’s responsibility to his fellow man.

The Alabama Holocaust Commission is recognized as a “Center of Excellence” by the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous.

My Study Program in Germany and Poland

Ann Mollengarden, Education Coordinator

This past July, I had the experience of a lifetime for a Holocaust educator - two weeks traveling in Germany and Poland studying the history of the Holocaust. From visiting concentration camps, ghetto sites and museums, to meetings with rescuers, local historians and educators, it was the pinnacle of in-depth education.

Trip Sponsor, Jewish Foundation of the Righteous

The trip was sponsored by the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR), an organization established in 1986 to provide financial assistance to needy Righteous Gentiles throughout the world. The JFR also works to preserve the memory and legacy of these rescuers through national Holocaust education programs available to its "Centers of Excellence." The Alabama Holocaust Commission is a JFR "Center of Excellence," committed to partnering with the JFR in developing Holocaust education.

Travel Partners

My traveling partners were fourteen stimulating Alfred Lerner Fellows (graduates of JFR's Summer Institute for Teachers) from across the country. Robert Jan van Pelt, architectural historian and Holocaust scholar, served as our accompanying scholar, offering invaluable knowledge and synthesizing the, at times, overwhelming wealth of information. Stanlee Stahl, Executive Director of the JFR, made everything happen with grace and ease.

Tracing the Evolution of Nazism

Our trip was formatted to trace the evolution of Nazism and its policies. We began our program in Munich where we focused on the birth of National Socialism and visited nearby Dachau. We next traveled to Nuremberg and Wannsee, where the Final Solution was officially adopted, then on to Weimar and Buchenwald. Our last stop in Germany was Berlin, seat of Nazi control. In Poland, we began our studies in Warsaw where we had the unique opportunity to host a luncheon for nearly 50 rescuers. Just as Nazi terror began to increase, so did the intensity of our experiences. We continued to Tykocin where the entire Jewish population dating back to 1522 was massacred by the Nazis. Then it was on to the extermination camps of Treblinka and Majdanek. Krakow followed, where

we explored Jewish Krakow as well as Plaszow and Schindler's factory. The last three days of our trip were spent at Auschwitz (Auschwitz I and Birkenau). Even with three days, I felt there was so much more to learn.

Holocaust Memory

Throughout our trip, a key theme was Holocaust memory. We examined existing memorials and tributes, those that worked and those that did not. We began the task of envisioning the difficult but inevitable day when there are no more Holocaust survivors. How will we pass on the lessons of the Holocaust?

Valuable Insights

While I finished my trip with a deeper understanding of the complex and tragic history of the Holocaust, I came home with more questions than answers, the sign of a good learning experience. The insights I gained will be valuable in my work with teachers and students. I am still sorting through pictures and notes, and I returned with a small library of books to keep me busy for quite a while, but stay tuned.



Zydzowski Cemetery outside of Kazimierz Dolny, Poland

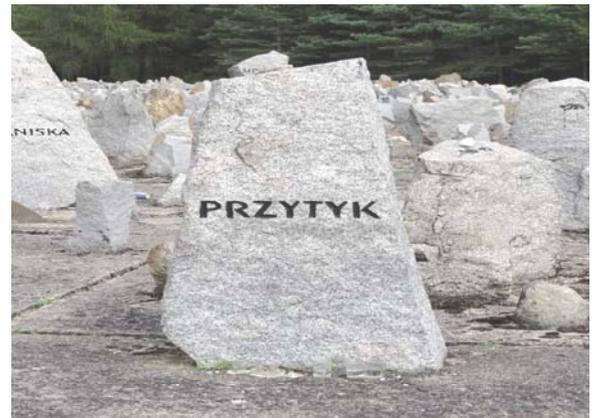


Stone markers for two of Birmingham survivors' lost communities:

Mogielnica, home of Aisc Hirsch (left)

and

Przytyk, home of Henry Alzenman, of blessed Memory (right).



You Are Invited...

In the Footsteps of the Holocaust

a special presentation by

Ann Mollengarden

Ann Mollengarden is the Education Coordinator of the Birmingham Holocaust Education Committee and member of the Alabama Holocaust Commission. This past summer she traveled to Germany and Poland with the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous.

She will share her pictures and insights.

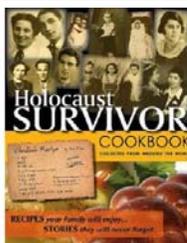
Sunday, November 21, 2:00 p.m.
N.E. Miles Jewish Day School



Robert Jan van Pelt lectures at Birkenau.

Teacher Cadre Hears Story of Ingrid Roskin, Holocaust Survivor

Ingrid Roskin from Miami, mother of Cantor Jessica Roskin of Temple Emanu-El, was our guest speaker at the first Teacher Cadre meeting for the 2010-2011 school year. Ingrid was a young girl in Holland when the Nazis took power. Assisted by members of the Dutch Resistance, Ingrid, her mother, older sister and younger brother were all hidden in different non-Jewish homes throughout much of the war. Each had very different experiences in hiding, ultimately shaping their future lives. The family was reunited after the war and immigrated to the United States. Although teachers routinely teach about Rescuers, this was a unique chance to hear the story of rescue from one who experienced it. We are extremely grateful to Ingrid for sharing her story with us.



Holocaust Survivor Cookbook

Created in 2005 to support the Carmei Ha'ir Soup Kitchen in Israel, this collection of Holocaust Survivor stories and recipes is now being sold by the Birmingham Holocaust Education Committee (BHEC). A portion of the sales also goes to support the work of the BHEC.

\$36 each, plus \$10 shipping and handling.

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Mail to: Birmingham Holocaust Education Committee, P.O. Box 130577, Birmingham, AL 35213

Darkness Life

A Busy Year Ahead
Barbara Solomon, Exhibit Coordinator

Alabama Holocaust Survivors Through Photography and Art

BHEC's traveling exhibit, *Darkness into Life* has a busy year in store, and we are very pleased that so many Alabamians will have the opportunity to learn about the Holocaust as the exhibit continues to travel throughout our state. As you read this copy of *LEGACY*, *Darkness into Life* is in Hanceville AL, where it is being hosted by Wallace State Community College in the Burrows Center for the Fine and Performing Arts. As often happens, the exhibit inspires the communities that host it to create additional programming in conjunction with the Holocaust theme. Wallace State is hosting an opening reception, has scheduled speakers from our Birmingham speakers' bureau of the BHEC and has initiated a reading program about the Holocaust. Wallace State has over 6000 students and we are very pleased about the potential to provide Holocaust education to so many folks in the form of this thought-provoking exhibit.

Traveling to Many Locations

From Wallace State, *Darkness into Life* will be traveling to Montevallo, where it will be displayed in the Montevallo Public Library from the end of October to the beginning of December. Mid-December, the exhibit moves on to Opelika where it will be installed in the Lewis Cooper Memorial Library. Henry Stern, one of the survivors whose story is portrayed in *Darkness into Life*, lives in Opelika and has been instrumental in helping to insure that *Darkness into Life* comes to this community. Mid-February, the exhibit leaves Opelika and will be displayed at the Birmingham Public Library through the beginning of April. It is a sold out season for *Darkness into Life*!

Guardians of Remembrance: We Must Not Forget Denise Lewis, Speaker Coordinator

We have all listened to the personal stories of our courageous survivors of the Holocaust. We do not want their stories to be forgotten. Therefore, the Birmingham Holocaust Education Committee feels we must preserve the personal memories of the Holocaust by preserving the personal stories of each Holocaust survivor.

Preserving Personal Stories

Our committee has initiated a program called GUARDIANS OF REMEMBRANCE. It is the mission of this project to preserve the personal stories of the Holocaust survivors. Guardians will be paired with Holocaust survivors to become knowledgeable of that person's history and experiences. By participating in this partnership program, the Guardian will teach others about the survivor's unique experience during the events of the Holocaust as well as the lessons it conveys. The Guardian will become a bridge to remembrance and play a vital role in the continuing education of the Holocaust.

History of Exhibit

Darkness into Life debuted in April 2007. In 2008, it was expanded to represent the stories of 20 survivors who live throughout Alabama. Through photography and artwork, Becky Seitel and Mitzi Levin have created an inspirational and heart-warming exhibit that tells the stories of these 20 survivors – their stories of childhood, imprisonment, hiding and liberation. Narratives and biographies hang adjacent to the artistic renderings, telling the story of each survivor. Each of these stories is unique; however, their common thread is that they all tell stories of unfathomable cruelty and heroic responses.

A Powerful Tool

Through *Darkness into Life*, Mitzi and Becky have created a powerful tool that facilitates education and understanding about the Holocaust. It has traveled to libraries, museums, schools and cultural centers in the last few years. Exhibit fees for all venues in the state of Alabama are waived and shipping costs associated with moving the exhibit to schools in Alabama are paid by the BHEC.

Borrowing the Exhibit

If you are interested in hosting the exhibit in your community, please contact Barbara Solomon, Exhibit Coordinator, through the BHEC office 205.795.4176 or email Barbsolomon@bellsouth.net. Please check out our website: www.bhamholocausteducation.org to view segments of the exhibit. We hope that you will consider hosting *Darkness into Life* in your community.



Darkness into Life,
Public Library of Anniston, April 2010
If only for a moment, Ilse Nathan and Keisha Tarrant met and witnessed together a distinct mark of hatred and prejudice in the form of a tattoo.
- Mitzi J. Levin

A Teacher's Perspective

Jeremy Brown, Oakman High School, Oakman, AL

The preservation of life is something that each human should value. Several years ago I was introduced to the Holocaust as a young teacher. The question of "why" continued to swirl in my mind. I wanted to learn more and more to try and make myself understand what could bring civilized people to such a point. How could another person have such a small and uncaring view of life? I began to read as much as I could to try to wrap my mind around this question. As I read, the stories of many heroic people unfolded before my eyes, and I began to make their stories a part of my own being. I knew that as a teacher I could have a lasting impact by educating students on the Holocaust. My purpose was two-fold: preventing this from ever happening again and re-telling the stories of both the survivors and those who were murdered.

Belfer Conference

I attended the Belfer Conference at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and also Belfer Next Step at the Breman Jewish Heritage and Holocaust Museum in Atlanta. Through a generous scholarship from the Alabama Holocaust Commission and the Birmingham Holocaust Education Committee, I had the opportunity to attend the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous' Summer Institute for Teachers held at Columbia University in New York City. Having attended conferences before, I had some idea of what to expect, but all my expectations were shattered once the conference began.

BHEC honored the scholarship recipients at a reception Thursday, July 29. We express our deep gratitude to Fred and Brenda Friedman, who through their Family Fund, provided the funding for the scholarships.



2010 Teacher Scholarship Recipients (left to right)

Stacy Freeman, Clay-Chalkville Middle School; Keith Minisman, Hewitt Trussville Middle School; Ann Mollengarden, BHEC Education Coordinator; Jeremy Brown, Oakman High School; Ken Wiggins, Ranburne High School

Not Pictured: Sandra Robertson, Academy for Science & Foreign Language (Huntsville); Amy Spinks, Kingwood Christian School; Diane Weber,

Surrounded by Educators

I was surrounded by educators from all over the United States as well as those from Poland, Croatia, Canada, and South Africa; each one with the mutual desire to teach about the Holocaust. We heard from noted Holocaust scholars including, Robert Jan van Pelt, Volker Berghan, Deborah Dwork, Nechama Tec, Peter Hayes, Henry Feingold, Atina Grossman, Harry Reicher, and Holocaust survivor, Roman Kent. As each person lectured, I found more and more information placed before me. All I wanted to do was absorb all that I could.

Discussing Teaching Concepts and Methods

At the end of each session, groups of teachers would gather and discuss teaching concepts and methods. We all learned together and shared ideas about how to become better educators. After having time to reflect on what I learned, I began to examine how I teach the Holocaust and to think about new methods to increase my students' awareness and understanding. I am currently revising my course to include many of the aspects I learned at the conference.

Never Forget

As a teacher, I feel that I not only have an obligation to my students, but also to those who lost their lives and those survivors who have passed on or are unable to tell their story. I would like to thank the AHC and the BHEC for the opportunity to continue educating myself and future generations. Without your support, it would not be possible for many teachers like myself to continue their Holocaust education. As I study and prepare to teach, I keep the words of Mrs. Tosia Szechter Schneider with me, "Never Forget."

BRASS MATZEVAH MARKER FOR A HEADSTONE

If you had a loved one who is deceased and was a Holocaust Survivor, you may purchase a 5x7 bronze Holocaust plaque at a cost of \$125 which includes shipping.



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www.americangathering.com

Build a Better Tomorrow With Your Commitment

Karen Allen, BHEC

Thanks to the generosity of the more than 250 donors to our "Sponsor A Teacher" campaign last fall as well as the many committed individuals who support us on a regular basis, the Alabama Holocaust Commission (AHC) and Birmingham Holocaust Education Committee (BHEC) continues to make inroads throughout the state teaching the lessons of the Holocaust to future generations.

Lessons from the Past Shape Students

Holocaust education not only teaches about the past, but also uses the lessons of the past to help shape students as future leaders, fighting against racism, bigotry and antisemitism. In a time when Holocaust denial has become ever more prevalent, we must continue to teach this history and tell the stories of those who are no longer able to pass on their legacy.

Multi-Directional Efforts

As you read through this issue of *Legacy*, you will marvel at our all-volunteer group's multi-directional efforts in Holocaust education. Our Survivors and our Next Generation are committed to sharing their personal and family stories of spirit, struggle and survival during the Holocaust – all to insure that these atrocities never happen again. Our educators are committed to furthering their own knowledge of the Holocaust and its pedagogy. They are teaching their students about the atrocities that arise from evil, and how to speak out and make a difference in this world. Our state libraries, schools and museums are committed to publicly sharing the exhibit, "From Darkness into Life: Alabama Holocaust Survivors Through Photography and Art," with their communities.

Join Our Efforts

We invite you to join our efforts to build a better tomorrow with your commitment to Holocaust education.

Your support is critical to our success. Please complete the enclosed donation envelope and return it today with our grateful thanks. We greatly appreciate your support.

The 25th Annual Association of Holocaust Organizations Conference was held June 5 - 8, 2010 in Skokie, Illinois. It was hosted by the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. There was a total of 86 participants.

Association of Holocaust Organizations Conference, June 2010

Martha Daughdrill, Ph.D

The conference sessions and main presenters were as follows:

- ◆ The Stages of Holocaust Memory and the Contemporary Monument
Dr. James E. Young, University of Massachusetts - Amherst
- ◆ Staying Ungoose-like: The Holocaust and Theatre of Choice
Dr. Robert Skloot, University of Wisconsin
- ◆ The Future of Holocaust Testimonies and the New Genocide Testimonies
Dr. Stephen Smith, USC Shoah Foundation Institute
- ◆ Current Issues in Antisemitism and the Persecution of the Roma
Norbert Hinterleitner, Advisor on Antisemitism Issues, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
Mark Weitzman, Simon Wiesenthal Center
- ◆ The Holocaust, Israel and Palestine - The Issues of Values and Politics
Dr. Michael Berenbaum, Sigi Ziering Institute, American Jewish University
Richard Hirschhaut, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center
- ◆ Slave Labor: Human Exploitation and the Problem of Profits
Dr. Peter Hayes, Northwestern University
- ◆ The Holocaust: Ethical Issues, Contemporary Challenges
Rev. John Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Seminary

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On Sunday evening, the Illinois Holocaust Museum held a special reception and tour for the conference participants. The 2011 Winter Seminar will be held January 9-12, 2011 at the Memorial de la Shoah Museum in Paris, France. The Institute for Holocaust Education in Omaha, Nebraska will host the 2011 Annual Conference June 11 - 14, 2011.

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State of Alabama Days of Remembrance, Montgomery, Alabama, April 13, 2010

Resolution of Appreciation of Governor Bob Riley

Whereas, Governor Bob Riley has served two terms as Governor of the State of Alabama beginning in January 2003;

Whereas, in January 2011 after eight years of outstanding service and dedication to the residents of State of Alabama as the Governor, he will honorably conclude his tenure as Governor;

Whereas, during his tenure, Governor Riley has taken a special interest in the Alabama Holocaust Commission and its mission to foster an understanding through education of one of the darkest periods in the history of mankind;

Whereas, during the period from 1933-1945, six million Jews and millions of other Europeans were murdered in Nazi concentration camps as part of a carefully orchestrated program of cultural, social, political, and ethnic genocide known as the Holocaust;

Whereas, all people should remember the horrible atrocities committed at that time and other times in human history as the result of bigotry, discrimination, and the abuse of power and should continually rededicate themselves to the principles of human rights and equal protection under the laws of this democratic society;

Whereas, Governor Riley has graciously agreed to speak and participate in annual commemorations for the remembrance of the Holocaust known as the State Commemoration Yom HaShoah Days of Remembrance held at the State Capitol in Montgomery, Alabama;

Whereas, Governor Riley has earned the admiration and respect of the members of the Alabama Holocaust Commission ("Commission") for his unwavering commitment and dedication to educate Alabama residents about the events leading up to the Holocaust and about organizations, institutions, and facilities that were created and used purposefully for the systematic destruction of human beings.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Commission hereby expresses the appreciation and esteem of its members for Governor Riley and extends this statement of recognition for his steadfast commitment to Holocaust education in the State of Alabama as remembrance as well as cultivating a sense of our individual and collective responsibilities in maintaining human rights.

Be It Further Resolved, that an appropriately inscribed version of this Resolution be prepared and presented to Governor Riley in appreciation for his friendship, his leadership, and his devoted service to Holocaust education, and as a token of our ever-lasting esteem.

Done This 24th Day of January, 2010.

Phyllis S. Weinstein, Chairman

Guest:



Phyllis Weinstein presents resolution to Governor Bob Riley.
Photo by Barbara Bonfield.

In 1980, the U.S. Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust. Each year, we, in the State of Alabama, meet at the State Capitol to remember and mark the day of Yom HaShoah. We are privileged to meet in the historical Old House Chamber and for the past several years, we have been honored by Governor Bob Riley addressing our meeting. Governor Riley visited the concentration camp of Dachau, and it left an indelible mark on his memory which he recalls in his message to us—that "we should never forget the horrors of World War II."

Also participating in the program was Reverend Robert S. Graetz, a retired Lutheran minister in Montgomery who, as the white pastor of a black congregation, openly supported the Montgomery Bus Boycott, a landmark event of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement. Lisa Byrd, an 11th grade English teacher at Mortimer Jordan High School in Morris, Alabama, who teaches an elective course entitled, *Holocaust Studies*, read a diary from Alexandra Zapruder's book, *Salvaged Pages: Young Writers' Diaries of the Holocaust*. A musical selection was presented by Elisha Benjamin, flutist and Cantor Daniel Gale, Rabbi Michelle Goldsmith and survivor, Martin Aaron conducted the memorial prayers following the candle-lighting ceremony. The program concluded with a benediction by Rabbi Lynne Goldsmith of Temple Emanu-El in Dothan. In attendance were members of the Alabama Holocaust Commission, Holocaust survivors and invited guests, including teacher Peter Sanders' students from Berry Middle School in Birmingham.

A luncheon was held in the Archives Room of the State Capitol, which was followed by a brief ceremony in the House Chamber of the Alabama State House. The Holocaust survivors in attendance were recognized by Speaker Seth Hammett, and introduced to the assembly by Representative Paul DeMarco.

Resolution presented to Governor Bob Riley by the Alabama Holocaust Commission .



Holocaust Survivors with Representatives (Left to Right):
Max Steinmetz, Phyllis Weinstein, AHC Chair, Max Herzel, Speaker Seth Hammett,
Aisic Hirsch, Riva Hirsch, Paul DeMarco, Ilse Nathan, Greg Canfield, Martin Aaron,
Demetrius Newton, Speaker Pro Tempore. Photo by Barbara Bonfield

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BHEC MISSION STATEMENT: *The Committee seeks to facilitate education and understanding of the Holocaust by providing information, materials, speakers, teachers' workshops, community events, and programming. The Holocaust, the most significant event in recent world history, revealed both the peaks of heroism and the depths of cruelty and depravity that humans can experience. The Committee hopes that, by learning from the past, students will fortify their knowledge and will be leaders in preventing such evil from recurring.*

New Library, Small But Growing **Mitzi J. Levin, Library and Media Coordinator**

The Birmingham Holocaust Education Committee has not only dug its roots in deep with determination and commitment to teach and inspire we have now sprouted another tree branch (at the committee we like to call it another PROJECT). This new branch is reaching out and providing a resource library for those searching for knowledge and truth.

Location

The library is housed in the Birmingham Holocaust Education Committee's offices on the first floor of the Bayer Property building at 2222 Arlington Avenue. Books, audio tapes, videos and teaching material about World War II, the Holocaust and other genocides are available to the public. Visiting hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; closed on holidays.

Our Appreciation

We express our sincere appreciation to Michelle Hamrick, University of Alabama library intern, under the supervision of Laura Anderson from the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, for her time and energy in implementing our software system and cataloging our materials.

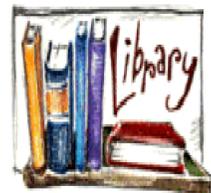
We are also grateful for the generosity of those who have donated materials that have helped build this library: Larry Brook, Jerry Leeson and the estate of Jack Bass.

Jack Bass, a Holocaust survivor and active speaker in our area passed away earlier this year. His wife, Phyllis Bass, graciously donated his entire collection of books and videos. Jack was an avid reader whose insatiable quest for knowledge about World War II and the Nazi war machine began at his liberation and continued up to the time of his death.

Diverse Collection

Housed in the library are works dealing with various perspectives such as: oral histories by Alabama Holocaust survivors, written material on the Holocaust experiences of Jehovah

Witnesses, eyewitness accounts of liberators, and a fascinating book by Hans J. Massaquoi, *Destined to Witness, Growing up Black in Nazi Germany*.



Growing

Our library is small but growing. We welcome donation of books, audio tapes and videos that cover genocide, World War II and specifically the Holocaust. We are also in need of metal bookcases.

We look forward to seeing you at the new library! Please call us at: 205.795.4176, with any questions.