

Mania Nudel Holocaust Learning Center
Of the David Posnack Jewish Community Center



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*As we enter the month of July we find ourselves in the three weeks approaching **Tisha B'Av**, the ninth of the month of Av, the date of the destruction of Solomon's Temple and the Second Temple. That date was circumscribed by our rabbis in the 12th century as a date to be incorporated by all Jews into the litany of fast days of the calendar. It first appeared in the 2nd century, but Rabbi Judah HaNasi was not in favor of making it a permanent date. However, after the crusaders killed tens of thousands of Jews in Germany in the 11th and 12th centuries, the rabbis brought it into focus as a day to commemorate not only the destruction of both Temples on that date, but all the other tragedies that had afflicted the Jews up until that time. Needless to say, since the 12th century, Jews have faced disaster after disaster. Even the expulsion of the Jews from Spain on July 31, 1492 fell on Tisha B'Av that year. There is a list of tragedies that befell Jews since the expulsion (just Google Tisha B'Av) through the Holocaust. As a holocaust learning center, we are obliged to remember the history of antisemitism and not just the six years of the Shoah. May these three weeks be a mindful time to reflect on some of the readings below as well as how blessed we are to be in America and to have Israel in this, the 21st century, 3,333 years since the receiving of the Torah.*

Liberation 75 is an incredible resource of holocaust related videos sent in by various organizations and private individuals that are free to the public. It is an online streaming service for free use by the entire world. With 200+ videos from dozens of organizations, the content in their Virtual Holocaust Library is organized into over 40 playlists. In the few weeks since their launch, their content has received over 10,000 plays.

<https://www.liberation75.org/library>

Once again art stolen by the Nazis is not being recognized by the original family ownership:

<https://news.artnet.com/art-world/settlement-upheld-in-looted-camille-pissarro-restitution-case-1968472>

In celebration of **Flag Day** (June 14), the **Simon Wiesenthal Center** is proud to share the Mauthausen flag, secretly sewn by inmates of the Mauthausen concentration camp in anticipation of their liberation by American forces. Inmates used a sewing machine in a workshop where prisoners had previously been forced to sew Nazi uniforms. They obtained

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sheets from the SS laundry for the background panel and used Nazi banners as the material for the red stripes. Not knowing the exact number of stars to affix, they sewed on 56 and waited for the American soldiers who, they prayed, might save them.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/ca/u/0/?pli=1#inbox/FMfcgzGkXmfdrsfnmbsqKTjzwjwFqPTp>

Bad Holocaust education leads to bad Holocaust analogies

It's not about the facts of the Holocaust, but how we present them. (*Excellent article on consideration of revamping how we teach Holocaust to those that are unfamiliar with the events or the concepts introduced*)

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/06/19/holocaust-education-museum-greene/>

Witness: Passing the Torch of Holocaust Memory to New Generations

This film marks the first-ever international **Holocaust Survivor Day** (June 24) honoring the resilience, courage, and contributions of Holocaust Survivors. This can also be viewed at your convenience on the MOTL website at motl.org/witness-film.

German Media Giant's Message To Employees: Find A New Job If You're Anti-Israel <https://www.dailywire.com/news/german-media-giants-message-to-employees-find-a-new-job-if-youre-anti-israel?itm>

Polish schoolchildren destroyed dozens of Jewish headstones. They said they wanted to build a fortress <https://www.jta.org/quick-reads/polish-schoolchildren-destroyed-dozens-of-jewish-headstones-they-said-they-wanted-to-build-a-fortress>

"Man Finds A Hidden Room In His Old Attic, But No One Was Ready For What Was Inside" <https://youtu.be/ByVC2HJN5jU>

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Allgenerations is an e-network for Holocaust survivors, 2G & 3G founded in 1998 to disseminate information about the Holocaust and Israel world-wide. Just reviewed their site – fascinating articles from all over the world. Worth a few minutes of your time... who knows, you might get hooked, especially if you're a 2G or 2G.

www.Allgenerations.org

Taking action to counter Holocaust distortion is everyone's responsibility. Join our campaign to #ProtectTheFacts at againstholoocaustdistortion.org.
IHRA | International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

We are happy to share the following Summary Report with you, which outlines the key decisions made and issues discussed during our digital Plenary meetings from 31 May to 10 June 2021 in Athens, Greece.

We encourage you to share this Summary Report with your colleagues who would be interested in the outcome of our meetings.

<https://sway.office.com/4eGDDvHU2inwtbbz?ref=Link>

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*Planning has begun for the 2022 March journey, departing Sunday afternoon, **April 24** (the day after Pesach ends) returning 2 weeks later on Sunday, **May 8, 2022**. The trip fee will be established over the summer.*