

READINGS from **Mania Nudel Holocaust Learning Center**

Of the David Posnack Jewish Community Center

## **November 2020 / Cheshvan-Kislev 5781**

*As we move closer to the opening of the MNHLC, it becomes more and more exciting that the reality will finally unfold and we will be in this incredible space. We are already starting to look at programming for 2021.*

*This month we commemorate the 82<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Kristallnacht on Nov 8 – 10 with a host of programming being provided by so many different Holocaust oriented groups throughout So. Florida and the nation. Watch for a special film which I will be facilitating called “**Holy Silence**.” We are doing this in conjunction with the Boca Raton Jewish Film Festival under the auspices of the **Levis JCC** in Boca Raton and our own **David Posnack JCC**.*

*Around the world people are being asked to **Keep A Light On** to commemorate **Kristallnacht on November 9th**. For more virtual Kristallnacht programs and commemorations, see the Upcoming Events section of the **GSI** newsletter below. <https://kristallnacht.motl.org/>*

*One of the most dramatic moments of this past month was the fact that **Facebook**, after much cajoling and letter writing campaign by members of AHO indicated that any postings by Holocaust deniers will not be allowed as totally inappropriate. Score one for our side!*

*BTW if you come across some interesting Holocaust related sites, please send them our way so that we can incorporate them in our monthly review of Holocaust links.*

*Wishing you all a smooth November and certainly a very **Happy Thanksgiving**.*

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The **USHMM** released the following statement about **Facebook's** decision to ban Holocaust denial and distortion content.

<https://www.ushmm.org/information/press/press-releases/museum-applauds-facebook-decision-on-holocaust-denial-and-distortion>

It looks like Twitter has now moved to follow Facebook in banning Holocaust denial material - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/rachelsandler/2020/10/14/twitter-following-facebook-reportedly-bans-holocaust-denial/#7d400c306b8b>

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### **Germany to give \$662 million in aid to Holocaust survivors**

BERLIN (AP) — Germany has agreed to provide more than a half billion euros to aid Holocaust survivors struggling under the burdens of the coronavirus pandemic, the organization that negotiates compensation with the German government said Wednesday.

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The payments will be going to approximately 240,000 survivors around the world, primarily in Israel, North America, the former Soviet Union and Western Europe, over the next two years, according to the New York-based Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, also referred to as the Claims Conference.

<https://apnews.com/article/virus-outbreak-international-news-western-europe-germany-europe-fe70a989c90101e79ff8ee4d9abcf7b0>

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Please see the below screenshots I pulled from a conversation about the Holocaust. There were some people questioning it and the below was a top-rated response. It has some info that led to a link for a Netflix movie that should be used for the HLC. Please read through at your convenience.

<https://www.netflix.com/title/80119192>



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Thank you **Charlie Brumer** for sending this link. It is a wonderful synopsis of 1000 years of Jewish history in Poland. Most people only think of Polish Jewish history as the six years of the Holocaust wherein 3 million of the 3 ½ million Polish Jews were slaughtered. But the fascinating history is how three and a half million Jews ended up in Poland; the largest concentration of Jews in the world. This link builds a clear and concise account of how they got there and what 10% of the Polish population did for Poland.

[History of Jews in Poland](#)

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Resistance in Nazi Germany during the war.  
Half a century after **Friedrich Kellner** gifted his Nazi-era diary to a grandson in America, the clandestine writings will be published in English by Cambridge University Press in January. Kellner was special.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/what-did-germans-know-secret-anti-nazi-diary-gives-voice-to-man-in-the-street/>

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**The first transport of Jews to Auschwitz was 997 teenage girls. Few survived.**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2020/01/27/first-transport-jews-auschwitz-was-997-teenage-girls-few-survived/>

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**Generations of the Shoah International:**

The **GSI** newsletter for November 2020 is now available online at

<http://genshoah.org/newsletter-2020/gsi-newsletter-11-2020.pdf>