



To: Greater New Bedford Area Educators
From: Holocaust Education and Memorial Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford
Re: 2012 Student Holocaust Education Project and Annual Holocaust Observance

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Greetings,

The Holocaust Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford invites you and your students to participate in the 2012 Student Holocaust Education Project and Annual Holocaust Observance.

Each year, the Holocaust Committee selects a theme for a student project and invites middle - and high - school students to submit creative works, such as essays, poems, drawings, etc. reflecting on the theme. Students' entries are displayed to the public during the annual Holocaust Observance program. In preparation for the project, we ask students to read and study relevant books, do research on the Internet, and watch movies and documentaries. We had been very impressed with the quality of creative works submitted by students in the past several years. This year we look forward to increased participation from public and parochial schools.

Theme

The theme of the 2012 Student Holocaust Project "Personal Responsibility in the Face of Evil: Choices Matter" invites students to apply lessons from the Holocaust to their daily lives. Please see Theme Summary for details.

Abraham Landau's Holocaust Memoir

Branded on my Arm and in my Soul, a newly published memoir by a New Bedford Holocaust survivor is now available for you to read with your students. As a young man, Abe Landau made many choices in order to survive. His memoir is an important one for your students to read as they, too, as teenagers, must make the right choices to become responsible adults.

Use our resources

1. We would like to assist you by offering educational materials from our Holocaust Resource Center. We invite you to borrow books, videos, and other materials to help you guide your students in their research.

2. Holocaust Committee members are available to speak to your students. Please let us know if you would like to schedule a presentation.

If you would like to borrow materials from the Holocaust Resource Center or to schedule a presentation, please call the Jewish Federation office at 508-997-7471.

2012 Holocaust Memorial Observance will be held on Sunday April 29, 2012 (a memorial ceremony at the Buttonwood Park Holocaust monument at 6:30 pm followed by a program at Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford at 7:30 pm). As in previous years, students' creative works will be displayed to the public during the program. The deadline for submitting creative projects is April 15, 2012. We have attached submission guidelines for your information and hope that your students will be inspired to submit their projects. We would also like to include more student participation in this year's memorial program and invite suggestions that would make it more meaningful for the entire community. Your participation is a concrete step toward promoting respect and tolerance for others, understanding and peace.

We look forward to your students' participation in this year's student exhibit and program on Sunday April 29, 2012. Please fill out a tear-off form below and return it to the Jewish Federation at 467 Hawthorn St. Dartmouth MA 02747 or email your response to office@jewishnewbedford.org. Please call the Jewish Federation at 508-997-7471 if you have any questions or need assistance with the project.

Sincerely,

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Teacher's name _____

School _____ Grade/subject _____

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My students will _____/will not_____ participate.

Participating
students _____
