

Remember the 'darkest period in world history'

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We learned about it in history class. We saw Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List* on the movie screen and our hearts sank. When Holocaust Remembrance Day comes around on Wednesday, April 22, we will not only see an exhibit, we will experience it from the eyes of those who survived and died in concentration camps.

This is the second year for the annual event, sponsored by Hillel at UNLV. This year's theme is "What Have We Learned From the Holocaust?" and will consist of a multimedia display and a guest speaker.

"We will have an even more amazing display this year," Jen Bloomberg, Hillel president, said in a press release. "We are honored to have some of the artifacts which will be on loan to us. We hope to have twice as many visitors as last year."

As participants enter room 202-203 in the Moyer Student Union, they will be given a triangle of color or a star and a glow stick. The triangles are given randomly, and the meaning of them will not be revealed until the end of the presentation, according to Melanie Greenberg of the Interfaith Student Center at UNLV.

As music from *Schindler's List* plays in the background, a black tunnel awaits. A pictorial exhibit will illustrate the powerful images of the "darkest period in world history, when millions of innocent people were systematically murdered because of their beliefs," accord-

ing to the press release.

Following the exhibit, there will be two videos of 10 minutes each. There will also be survivors available to answer questions. The students will also find out what their symbols mean. Most people know what the Star of David stands for, but the symbolism behind the colored triangles might come as a surprise to many participants.

To find out for what the symbols stand, journey into the darkness, where the music plays and the pictures serve as a remembrance.

Participants will also be asked to break their glow sticks to "signify that you're lighting a candle," according to Melanie Greenberg.

If you cannot make the display, students, faculty and staff are urged to pass by the Alumni Amphitheater to listen to the "Unto Every Person There is a Name," a program of B'nai B'rith. Volunteers will read the names of victims. Different lists are provided to vast organizations internationally. Last year, the amphitheater was home to volunteers who read the names of children, according to Melanie Greenberg.

This year's special addition to the program, Michael Berenbaum, will speak on Thursday, April 23 at 2 p.m. The Holocaust Library and the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas are sponsoring the speaker.

Berenbaum is president and CEO of Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation. The foundation was created and chaired by Steven Spielberg, af-



(Above) Students meet informally with a survivor as part of last year's Holocaust Remembrance Day Exhibit.

(Below) Three pieces of history are displayed to remind us of the tragedy the Holocaust brought.

ter he completed *Schindler's List*, to establish a video library of testimonies from survivors, according to the press release.

The Shoah, Hebrew for Holocaust, has been the subject of 11 books Berenbaum has edited and authored. Berenbaum is also one of the creators of the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

Berenbaum will also speak to the community after Thursday's UNLV speech at 7 p.m. at the Temple Beth Shalom, 1600 E. Oakey Blvd.

For more information, please stop by the exhibit or call Hillel at UNLV at the Interfaith Student Center, 736-0887. If you are interested in volunteering for the day of the exhibit, call Hillel or e-mail the organization at hillel@nevada.edu.



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