

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

RESOURCE TOOLKIT FOR AMERICAN SPACES

This Resource Toolkit is designed for programming at American Spaces to create a greater awareness of the Holocaust and anti-Semitism.



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[Department of State - Office of the Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues](#) -

Develops and implements U.S. policy to return Holocaust-era assets to their rightful owners, secure compensation for Nazi-era wrongs, and ensure that the Holocaust is remembered and commemorated appropriately.

[The United States Holocaust](#)

[Memorial Museum](#) inspires citizens and leaders worldwide to confront hatred, prevent genocide, and promote human dignity. The website is an excellent resource for teachers and students of the holocaust.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAYS

The Holocaust was a crime against humanity so horrendous that the community of nations vowed to never forget, lest such atrocities happen again. International Holocaust Remembrance Day was designated by the United Nations to mark the anniversary of the January 27, 1945, liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and death camp.

The observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day, also known as Yom HaShoah, honors the lives and memory of the six million Jews who were killed during the Holocaust and the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution. In 2021, Yom HaShoah falls on April 8.

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U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Lesson Plans

These easy-to-use lesson plans introduce key concepts and information to students. Grounded in historical context, the lessons utilize primary source materials.

- [Holocaust Overview](#)
- [History of Antisemitism and the Holocaust](#)
- [Nazi Racism](#)
- [Pre-World War II Jewish Life](#)
- [Teaching Using Survivor Testimony.](#)

Videos

These 15 videos cover a variety of topics and can be screened at American Spaces

Poster Sets

Download posters for American Spaces

PRIMARY DOCUMENTS

- [National Archives](#)
- [Arolsen Archives](#)

TEACHING RESOURCES

- [IHRA Recommendations for Teaching about the Holocaust](#)
- [Compiled Resources](#)

Webinars and Official Remarks

U.S. Support for Human Rights Defenders (DRL)

[Appointment of Ambassador Stuart E. Eizenstat as Special Adviser on Holocaust Issues](#)



The Holocaust Museum's Hall of Remembrance

#ProtectTheFacts Campaign

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), of which the United States is a member, supports the [#ProtectTheFacts](#) global campaign. Over 76 years after the end of the Second World War, Holocaust memory is under threat. Holocaust distortion benefits from a general lack of awareness. American Spaces can help spread the message about this urgent problem and encourage others to [#ProtectTheFacts](#). This [site](#) has shareable social media, videos, and information about the Holocaust.

Nana: A Holocaust Survivor Fighting Intolerance

(100 min) This film tells the story of Maryla Michalowski-Dyamant, a Polish Holocaust survivor who was forced to interpret for Josef Mengele, the Nazi Angel of Death. She dedicated her life after the war to speak publicly about her experiences. This film is available on Kanopy and can be screened at American Spaces and on closed online platforms.

Discussion Questions:

- What was the Holocaust? Why is it important to confront the brutality of this history?
- What is the meaning of human dignity? How did the Nazis seek to deprive their victims of basic human dignity, and how did those targeted attempt to preserve or reclaim their dignity?

Defining Anti-Semitism

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."