Gandel Holocaust Studies Program 2021: A Year in Review
New Offerings

The Eichmann Trial
The Gestalt Holocaust Studies Program for Australian Educators

Virtual Holocaust Education Series

This year marks sixty years since the trial of Adolf Eichmann – architect of the Final Solution. After a dramatic capture in South America, Adolf Eichmann was tried and sentenced to death in Israel. In the first half of the session, Dr. Eliezer Zann (from the Simon Wiesenthal Centre) will share cases of Nazis and their collaborators who fled to Australia, and the efforts to ensure that they be brought to justice. The second half of the session will be an interactive online workshop on how to incorporate this topic into your classrooms.

Date: Sunday, 18 April 2021, 17:00-19:30 (Melbourne time)
Presented by: Dr. Eliezer Zann – President, Yad Vashem
Workshop

Terror in the House of Prayer
The Gestalt Holocaust Studies Program for Australian Educators – Graduate study day

The International Holocaust Remembrance Day Symposium

13.00-19.00

- Holocaust Remembrance: An Ongoing Tradition and Process
- Kelly De Beer, CEO, Holocaust Museum and Steven Education Centre
- Stav Shemer, Holocaust Educator of Haiti

15.30-17.00

- Exploding the Myth: a debate about the role of the Holocaust in shaping the story of the Middle East
- Yishai Fink, Yad Vashem
- Baruch Ben Avraham, Yad Vashem

18.30-20.00

- Screening:Binding Conversations: From Germany to Jerusalem
- Kelly De Beer, Holocaust Museum and Steven Education Centre

19.00-19.30

- QA with Prof. Yehuda Bauer

For registration please click here

Virtual Holocaust Education Series

On Sunday 11 July we will have an extraordinary opportunity to meet with the eminent Prof. Yehuda Bauer (https://www.yadvashem.org/en/our-organizations/our-educators) who will join us for a live session. This session will be based on questions that you will submit in advance on any topic pertaining to the Holocaust. Before, during or after this is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a close and personal interaction with one of the world’s most prominent Holocaust scholars. Prof. Bauer is captivating and inspiring. Please send your questions to prof.bauer@yadvashem.org by 7 July. Please take a moment to forward a question of interest, clarification or concern that would benefit from Prof. Bauer’s expertise.

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Over a Dozen Programs and Hundreds of Attendees

## EASTERN EUROPEAN JEWS – REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS, TRADITION AND MODERNITY

**Unwelcomed strangers?**

- 1920s: ca. 90,000 Jewish immigrants in Germany
- Many poor, many from rural regions, Orthodox/Traditional. Often lived in quarters such as Schneuwirtel in Berlin or Dessau/Frankfurt am Main.
- A generation in assimilation, cultural participation, social security.
- Berlin pogroms and raids in 1920, 1922, 1933

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### Gandel Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education

**2021 winner:**

**STACEY MOROS (GHSP ’14) - SA**

- History Teachers Ass. of SA - Teacher of the Year Award in 2017, regular presentations at HFA conferences
- Speaker at the opening of the Gandel Holocaust Education Conference in 2019

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### Other Holocaust activities:

**NSW** – announcement of Duane Galle from Banora Point High School (the 2012-13 Gandel alum) as the winner of the 2020 Gandel Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education.

**National** – Participation by John Gandel AC in the first ever Australian International Holocaust Remembrance Day, broadcast nationally.
Fortifying State Partnerships

- Adelaide Holocaust Museum and Steiner Education Centre
- Sydney Jewish Museum
- Queensland Jewish Board of Deputies
- The Jewish Holocaust Centre
- Holocaust Institute of Western Australia
The Gandel Holocaust Knowledge and Awareness in Australia Survey (GHKAS/Gandel Holocaust Survey) is Australia’s first comprehensive national survey of Holocaust knowledge and awareness.

The Survey was commissioned by the Gandel Foundation, one of Australia’s largest independent family philanthropic funds, and undertaken by a team of expert researchers from Deakin University. Researchers utilised the ANU’s Social Research Centre for data collection, using their Life in Australia™ online probability panel, and were also supported by the Advisory Group comprising a Holocaust survivor and representatives from Yad Vashem, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Sydney Jewish Museum, Melbourne Holocaust Museum, Executive Council of Australian Jewry and a teacher who is an alum of the Gandel Holocaust Studies Program for Australian Educators.

There were more than 70 questions posed in the Survey with 3,522 people across all Australian states and territories submitting responses, making it the largest survey of its type ever undertaken. The sample matches key demographic parameters of the Australian population including age, gender, education, geographic location. Maximum margin of error to apply to this survey is +/-2%.

A key objective of the Gandel Holocaust Survey was to understand not just how much Australians know factually about the Holocaust (Holocaust knowledge), but also how aware they are of the catastrophe and its enduring impact and lessons it holds. This was considered to be “Holocaust awareness” or acknowledging the true scale of the Holocaust and caring about Holocaust education.
Promoting Victoria State Holocaust Curriculum

- PREPARING TO TEACH THE HOLOCAUST -

TEACHING THE HOLOCAUST

Policy / Requirement to teach the Holocaust
How to teach the Holocaust? - Dos &...
Teacher professional learning opportunities
Teachers’ background readings
This year we witnessed the passing of Phil Symons, the President of the B'nai B'rith Wallenberg Unit from 2004-2005, and Co-Chairman Action Wallenberg.

Hailed as a “leader, doer, achiever”, his voice, guiding presence and sincere dedication to promoting Holocaust education in Australia will be greatly missed.

On 7 November, the final session of the Virtual Holocaust Education Series was dedicated to his memory.