



## Press Release

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### **Holocaust Studies for Educators Course Named in Honor of Local Survivors Roma and Sam Kaltman**

- WHO:** The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education in partnership with Xavier University
- WHAT:** Holocaust Studies for Educators graduate level course
- WHERE:** The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education  
8401 Montgomery Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45236
- WHEN:** Monday, June 21, 2010 to Friday, June 25, 2010

**CINCINNATI, OH** – The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education marks the 15<sup>th</sup> year of Holocaust Studies for Educators, a graduate level course designed to equip teachers with the tools to teach about the Holocaust and its lessons. It is significant that as the course reaches this milestone it is being named in honor of Holocaust survivors Roma and Sam Kaltman by their daughter and son-in-law, Sandy Kaltman and John Isidor.

Sam and Roma Kaltman met in Lodz, Poland the city of their births and site of one of the most infamous ghettos in Nazi-occupied Europe. After Roma borrowed a book from Sam, the two began a romance that would be interrupted by Roma's deportations to Auschwitz and Stuthoff, and Sam's to Auschwitz and Dachau. Miraculously surviving, the two were eventually reunited and married, picking up where they had left off in Lodz, this time with considerably brighter prospects.

Eager to create a new life together, Sam and Roma moved to Cincinnati, where they raised their children Sandy and Jerry, and became active in the community. Both are known for their deep commitment to Holocaust education. Sam served as President of the Survivors of Nazism, the predecessor of The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education. He passed away in 1990. Roma's testimony is featured in "Mapping Our Tears," CHHE's permanent exhibition, and she is a board member of CHHE. As Roma writes, "I have spoken in the Cincinnati community for many years not only about my experience but also about what students can do to fight injustice. I demand that everyone understand the vulnerability of humans. To help us remember that vulnerability, we must never forget the Shoah." Thanks to the Isidor and Kaltman families, educators in Cincinnati never will.

Each year, the *Holocaust Studies for Educators Summer Institute* (HSE) equips 25-30 educators in public, private and parochial schools with content knowledge, resources, and processes to advance Holocaust and tolerance education. Skilled presenters, field-tested materials, and motivated educators combine to ensure that the *HSE Summer Institute* gives educators the tools and resources to effectively teach the Holocaust and its lessons through an innovative, interdisciplinary approach. There are hundreds of graduates and this gift ensures hundreds more will participate in the program.

With each day, the number of Holocaust survivors alive diminishes. Consequently, it is the responsibility of CHHE to ensure that educators have the opportunity to learn about the Holocaust, especially from the experiences of the living eyewitnesses, to share with future generations.

The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education (CHHE) remembers, informs and transforms by teaching current and future generations about the Holocaust, its victims, and its lessons in order to foster tolerance, inclusion, social justice and civic responsibility. For more information or questions, please contact The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education at [info@holocaustandhumanity.org](mailto:info@holocaustandhumanity.org) or 513-487-3055.

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