United Nations Day of Holocaust Remembrance - Open House
Thursday, January 27, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at CHHE
In recognition of the United Nations Day of Holocaust Remembrance, we invite you to visit Mapping Our Tears during our Open House. For more information, please turn to page 8.

Berlin ‘36
Sunday, January 30, 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 2, 1:00 p.m. at the Mayerson JCC
A docudrama inspired by the true story of Jewish high jumper Gretel Bergmann, BERLIN ’36 relays a remarkable piece of forgotten Olympic history. Bergmann (award-winning actress Karoline Herfurth) was considered a top contender at the 1936 Summer Games in Berlin. With the Americans threatening an Olympic boycott if Jewish athletes were barred from competing, Bergmann is invited to training camp. But uncomfortable with a Jewish athlete on the Aryan team, the Nazis conspire to replace her with an unknown über-athlete (Sebastian Urzendowsky). This film is presented in partnership with the Mayerson JCC’s Cincinnati Jewish and Israeli Film Festival. Mayerson JCC is located at 8485 Ridge Road, Cincinnati, OH 45236.

An Article of Hope
Tuesday, February 1, 7:00 p.m. at the Mayerson JCC (Marking the 8th anniversary of the Columbia Disaster)
A documentary about Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon who died in the Columbia Space Shuttle disaster in 2003. He had taken with him to space a tiny Torah scroll that had been smuggled out of Bergen-Belsen by a young boy. Combining historical and ethical inquiry, the film reaches across faiths and nationalities. The film includes clips from the CHHE Columbia Disaster.

“The Nazi Doctor’s Crimes Against Humanity: To Remember is to Honor the Victims” featuring Dr. Ernest Prentice
Wednesday, February 23, 11:30 a.m.
Cincinnati Children’s Research Auditorium - Room Location: R-3381 and 3383
Dr. Prentice will uncover the history and importance of the Nuremberg code, which came in the aftermath of the Holocaust. He will describe selected experiments conducted by the Nazi doctors as well as discuss the Nuremberg Nazi doctor’s trial, defense strategies, and ultimate outcome. Further, Dr. Prentice will explore the impact of the Nuremberg Code in the US from the end of World War II to contemporary litigation and discuss the ethics of using data derived from the Nazi experiments. Dr. Prentice is the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). He is also Professor of Genetics, Cell Biology and Anatomy and Professor of Preventative and Societal Medicine. From 2003-2007, Dr. Prentice served as the Chair of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Human Research Protection (SACHRP). Dr. Prentice has received numerous awards for his work. This program is presented in partnership with Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, Schulman Associates IRB, and the Maimonides Society of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati.

The Annual Hornstein Lecture: Never Again, Yet Again: A Personal Struggle with the Holocaust and Genocide featuring Dr. Stephen Smith, Executive Director of the Shoah Foundation
Sunday, April 10, 10:00 a.m. at Wise Temple
Stephen Smith will describe his own personal journey as a Christian that confronted antisemitism and the Holocaust and how that changed his life. As the Executive Director of the Shoah Foundation institute at the University of California, he will ask in what way the 52,000 Holocaust survivors testimonies in their archive will be a voice of conscience in our age - and for generations to come. He will question whether their voice will be sufficient to stem the tide of violence in our world and ask what role we can all play to reduce the toll of human suffering and wasted lives. This program is presented in partnership with Isaac M. Wise Temple. Wise Temple is located at 8329 Ridge Road, Cincinnati, OH 45236.

I Never Saw Another Butterfly
Monday, April 11, 7:00 p.m, at Mayerson JCC
A triumph of human spirit, I Never Saw Another Butterfly shares the hopes, the fears, and the beauty of the children of Terezin. More than 15,000 children passed through Terezin Concentration Camp during World War II; fewer than 100 survived. Their true story, told through the artwork and poetry they left behind, creates a compelling picture of defiance and of vibrant life! Mayerson Jewish Community Center is located at 8485 Ridge Road, Cincinnati, OH 45236.

Yom Hashoah
Sunday, May 1, 2:00 p.m., at Mayerson JCC
The annual commemoration of the Shoah includes a candle lighting, prayer, and a moving program that remembers the lives lost during the Holocaust and honors the lives saved. Mayerson Jewish Community Center is located at 8485 Ridge Road, Cincinnati, OH 45236.

The Second Annual Great Human Race
Sunday, May 22. Time and Location to be announced
The Great Human Race is a collective expression of our community’s commitment to combating hate, prejudice, and indifference. The race will support the efforts of CHHE, allowing the organization to continue using education as a means of undermining the forces of intolerance and hate in our communities.
A Docent’s View
By Dr. Al Miller, “Mapping Our Tears” docent

There were 60 high school students from the Berlin area. They were polite, friendly, curious, and so knowledgeable following their research on four subjects. After they presented their conclusions, my turn came and I expanded on my personal experiences as a young boy in Berlin. They asked questions, and I supplied answers. All the speaking was done in German, but occasionally I would stumble over a fitting German expression. The totally bi-lingual Museum Curator of the Jewish Museum Berlin (JMB) who initiated this program, sat next to me and would feed me the translation.

In 2008, he had invited my wife Janie and I to come to Berlin at the Museum’s expense to talk to the students and conduct this highly emotional and gripping project. Those 4 subjects covered (1) Jewish participation in the German Military in WWI, (triggered by my father’s military documents from 1914-17), then (2) my experiences as a young boy in public school during the early Hitler years, until I had remained as the very last Jewish pupil in the entire school, followed by (3) the fate of Jewish enterprises in Germany as exemplified by my father’s 66-year old Berlin factory, and finally (4) the emigration saga, an intertwined set of stories, from naïve (not leaving early because of delusions that the nightmare would soon end) to deeply shameful (when my father, in his own factory, was forced to listen daily to the refrain from a song: “When Jewish blood spruts from the knife, everything works twice as well”) to frightful (when the Secret Police harassed my parents).

That Berlin experience was truly the culmination of my efforts as a CHHE docent. There is an inner compulsion to tell what I know and think everybody should share. I do believe that this is precisely what drives all our other committed docents with such devotion and perseverance. We are well aware that we reach only a few, but we can likely consider that already a partial success; it takes only a single dedicated teacher to reach large numbers of students; only a few members of a service club such as the Rotary or Lion’s to start a program or initiate discussion; only one caring church member to organize a seminar; on a larger scale, only one Sigmund Freud to change an entire profession of psychology; only one Albert Einstein to reorient the entirety of science.

Three years ago I hiked in the Dolomites in Northern Italy with an Englishman from a very small rural area in England. We had previously vacationed together 2 or 3 times and we talked easily. Eventually we came around to the Holocaust and he said casually that he has just returned with his 10-year-old son from a visit to Auschwitz. I expressed surprise and asked him why he went there and especially why he took such a young child. He said simply: “Shouldn’t everybody see it and know about it?”

There you have it. I play tennis with about a dozen men, none Jewish, but each one of them by now knows more about Holocaust related issues than many young Jewish kids in our local Synagogues. We owe it to ourselves, docent or not, to our children, to their children, to provide information, to engage people. Every once in a while, you will become aware that you have lit a fire. And you know what? After a while, it won’t even require an effort.

While in Berlin two years ago, I visited the Jewish cemetery, with 160,000 graves the largest Jewish cemetery anywhere, where several family members are buried. At the entrance to that cemetery there are several very well kept graves of young men and women who had existed “underground” in Berlin. Eventually they were caught in the cauldron of the Nazi madness and were tortured and hanged. There is a tablet with an inscription. It reads in part:

“Always reflect on what happened here. Dedicated to the Living who must fulfill the legacy of those who have died.”

I believe that our docents are conscientiously doing exactly that.

Dr. Al Miller has been a docent since the first day Mapping Our Tears opened. He has guided over 150 groups through the Mapping Our Tears exhibits. His dedication to ensuring that this history by taught is contagious, and we are grateful for his involvement in our efforts.

Remember, Inform, Transform

CHHE Preserves Survivor Testimony

Thanks to a partnership with CET, The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education continues to record interviews with Holocaust survivors in the tri-state area. This fall, Sarah Weiss interviewed three survivors whose experiences had never been recorded. These recordings preserve the history for the family of the survivor, as well as future students and educators. If you or a friend or family member wish to have your story recorded, please contact Sarah Weiss, Executive Director, at 513.487.3055.