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**Annual Day of Remembrance Ceremony Marks 25 Years for The THC**

Survivors, families, friends and supporters gathered together on April 14, 2010 to commemorate the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust as well as the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution. This event also marked the 25th anniversary of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission and introduced Danielle Kahane-Kaminsky as the newly appointed Executive Director for the THC.

Held at the State Capitol in the Old Supreme Court Chambers, the ceremony included a special Senate Proclamation honoring the Commission, local survivors and liberators. The traditional Jewish prayer of

remembrance was recited and a musical presentation entitled "Life in the Ghettos" was directed by Mrs. Carrie Prewitt, Vocal Choral Studies Professor at Lambuth University.



*Senator Berke greets attendees at the 25th annual Day of Remembrance Ceremony*

The observance concluded with the lighting of memorial candles and a reception hosted by Senators Andy Berke and Douglas Henry.

Commission Chair Felicia Anchor would like to extend her appreciation to all whose contributions of time made possible a ceremony of memory which evidences the continued work of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission. The vision for awareness and prevention of prejudice and violence remains the primary focus of the THC. Through educational outreach, this work will reflect on its 25 years of experience and will continue to bring together stories of the Holocaust for its annual Day of Remembrance.

*Additional photos from the 2010 Day of Remembrance Ceremony can be found on page 2.*



*Holocaust survivors stand in the light of remembrance.*

*Senator Douglas Henry presents Commission Chair Felicia Anchor with Senate Joint Resolution No. 773*



*Rabbi Kliel Rose speaks to survivors, families, friends, and supporters.*



Survivors light a memorial candle at the 2010 Day of Remembrance.



Carrie Pruitt leads the musical presentation "Life in the Ghettos."



Executive Director Danielle Kahane-Kaminsky shares her vision for the future of the Commission.



Memorial candles from the Annual Day of Remembrance Ceremony commemorate Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Each flame represents one million Jewish men, women, and children who died under Nazi persecution.

## Strategic Plan Update

Implementation of the Strategic Plan drafted with the guidance of Cissy Mynatt, at the last Commission meeting is underway. Below please find the three-year strategic goals and a current update on each goal's status :

### Goal #1:

- Education Programming: Increasing the number of teachers and students we reach through curriculum and resource materials by enhancing and expanding our educational programming.

### Update:

The Commission has received several requests for Holocaust speakers to visit schools, classrooms, and businesses since April . We have placed 4 survivors, 1 grandchild of a survivor, 1 liberator, and 1 U.S. Army Witness at speaking engagements and are committed to providing speakers for a conference in Owensboro, KY and a educational conference for teachers co-sponsored by the THC and Rutherford County Public Schools. These combined requests made since the beginning of April have reached 1,110 students in Metro Nashville, Shelby , Clarksville, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Rutherford, and Morgan Counties.

The development of visual PowerPoint slides to accompany survivor and liberator presentations has begun in an effort to preserve the presentations. This will allow trained volunteers and grandchildren and relatives of survivors to present the information to students in an authentic and visual format.

The THC continues to distribute resources to teachers including the Anne Frank and

historical presentations available on our web page. Work with the Teaching Fellows and the State Department of Education includes plans to develop literacy mini-lessons around frequently used Holocaust literature in schools and history lessons integrating the history of the Holocaust with standards and best practices.

In the area of adult education, Felicia has been working with professor Jerry Gaw at Lipscomb University to present Holocaust education to classes at Lipscomb. Danielle and Vicki Yates of WTVF worked together to facilitate a lunch bunch discussion with a liberator and survivor for the WTVF diversity lunch group. Fort Campbell featured Eva and Eric Rosenfeld at the Annual Day of Remembrance in Fort Campbell, Kentucky which included 400 high school students and 200 soldiers.

### Goal #2:

- Awareness and Community Education: Increasing awareness of the mission of THC and the relevance of the lessons of the Holocaust to our world today.

### Update:

Our Annual Day of Remembrance was a success with attendance from both Democratic and Republican politicians from the Senate, and the House. Remarks from Senators Berke, Henry, Burchette, and Lieutenant Governor Ramsey were made. A musical presentation, a proclamation presented to all local liberators and survivors was presented, and the traditional candle lighting took place. The Tennessean, WTVF channel 5, and the Observer covered the event.

Danielle and Kitty have

worked with I-Design to rein-vigorate our Facebook and Twitter pages so that communication with our on-line community becomes active again. Currently we have 51 followers on our Twitter account and 103 online participants involved in our Facebook page.

Danielle has been working with Dr. Patrice Gordon, a Tennessee State University professor who has just returned from a seminar for Christian clergy at Yad Vashem and wants to develop educational activities and outreach programs for African American youth.



In Israel, Dr. Gordon met with survivors Nachum and Geyna Manor.

Danielle has also been working alongside the State Department of Education and will present at both the Middle Tennessee Reading Conference and the LEAD Conference in the coming year.

### Goal #3:

- Funding: Retain public sector support and diversify our funding base to include private and corporate contributions.

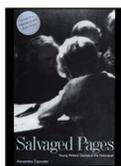
### Update:

Danielle attended Irma Kaplan's fundraising seminar at the Center for Non-Profit Management in April and is working with both Felicia and Irma on a fundraising plan to be presented at the Commission meeting on June 21st. The plan will include outreach to the community at-large as well as statewide events to include survivors who are local to the area. **Continued on page 4**

## Save the Date: 2010 EOP Conference

Plans for the 2010 Irvin and Elizabeth Limor Educational Outreach Program Conference are well underway following the May 10th EOP meeting. Members determined the Nashville Public Library as the location for this year's conference and have set the date for Wednesday, October 27th. The committee discussed the themes "**Voices From The Holocaust: Moving from Reflection to Action- The Decision is Yours.**" Break-

out sessions will be geared toward student discussion and written reflection about what has inspired them to learn more about the Holocaust and their ability to act on situations and actions that reflect hate crimes of our day. Alexandra Zapruder, author of the book, [The Salvaged Pages](#) will serve as the keynote speaker for this event.



## Seminar In D.C.

Seven teachers from around the state accompanied Danielle, Felicia, and Paul Fleming on a three day trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum from June 7th to the 9th. The itinerary included a full day of professional development for teachers provided by museum educators and a half day workshop provided by Paul Fleming and Danielle Kahane-Kaminsky familiarizing teachers with primary sources related to Holocaust Education. Teachers were able to do a bit of sightseeing in the D.C. area and a good time was had by all. Participating teachers will be required to develop and share written mini-lessons and activities for future professional development to be utilized by the Commission..



*Seven Teacher Seminar Participants from all regions of the state of Tennessee visited the USHMM in Washington, D.C.*

## THC Welcomes New Executive Director & Administrative Assistant

Danielle Kahane-Kaminsky joined the THC as Executive Director on April 8, 2010. Prior to her current position with the THC, Danielle worked as the Director of Instruction for the Murfreesboro City School District where she served for four years following her return to Nashville, the city of her childhood. Danielle's appointment with the THC comes with a personal connection to its vision and mission. The daughter of Belgian refugees, Danielle brings to the THC a mixture of story and experience, both which hold promise for her work in guiding educators and students through the academic lessons of the Holocaust. "Having spent my life hearing the stories of aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents," says Danielle, "I understand the importance of communicating the meaning of the Holocaust to succeeding generations. Because of my background and being raised

in Nashville, I have a passion for the Tennessee Holocaust Commission."

In addition to her personal interest in the work of the THC, Danielle brings years of experience in education, having served as both Principal and Assistant Principal in New York and Connecticut schools. Danielle has an in-depth understanding of the ways in which education serves as a means of work against genocide. The Commission looks forward to the resources and initiative Danielle will provide as Executive Director as the THC moves into its 26th year of work in combating prejudice, and building understanding among all people in an effort to prevent genocide.

Along with Danielle Kahane-Kaminsky, the THC also welcomes its new Administrative Assistant, Kitty Taylor. Having recently graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity School, Kitty brings a background of

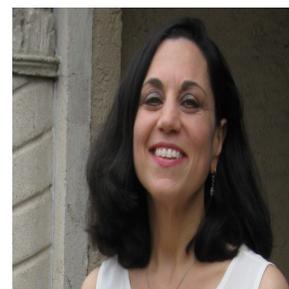
research and writing to the Commission. Kitty is looking forward to the opportunities for personal and professional growth and development that will be presented through the work of the THC.

The Commission would also like to express its thanks to Mike Kohut who served with the THC from August 2009 through May 2010. Mike contributed both his time and expertise to the Commission and his work helped guide the Commission through a time of transition. Thank you, Mike!

*"The commission was unanimous in its decision to hire Danielle. She brings with her a personal connection to the Holocaust. Danielle's experience as a teacher and administrator will help guide the commission in the future."*  
~Felicia Anchor, Commission Chair.



*Kitty Taylor, Danielle Kahane-Kaminsky, and Mike Kohut*



*THC Executive Director, Danielle Kahane-Kaminsky*

*Let all generations remember so that it never happens again.*

*The Tennessee Holocaust Commission provides education to promote remembrance of the Holocaust, to fight prejudice, and to encourage tolerance and understanding among all people. THC acts as a resource for teachers, students and individuals, providing seminars, resources, workshops, mobile exhibits and commemorations*



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### Strategic Plan Update, Cont.

Additionally, Danielle has been working with Brenda Ables, our contact at the State Department of Education, on the development of expanded funding opportunities from the state. Danielle is writing a proposal to the state to receive funding for a Student Fellows capstone project, a Model Schools Program, and Holocaust Education high quality lessons.

#### Goal #4:

- Organization Development: Develop the staff, systems and other organization resources needed to sustain our mission and support our growth.

#### Update:

A new Executive Director and Administrative Assistant have been hired and are on the job daily at the Commission. A fundraising plan is in the planning and early implementation stage.

#### Goal #5:

- Board Development/Governance: Strengthen and develop the board structure and leadership role in helping THC carry out its mission.

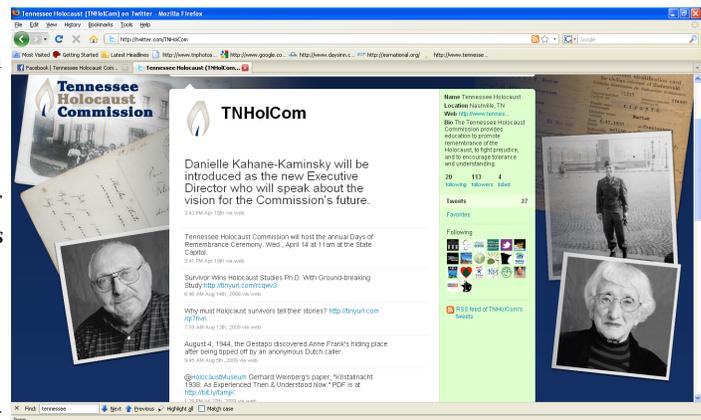
#### Update:

A discussion regarding this goal will take place as part of our meeting on June 21st.

*See attached budget*

### THC Meets Facebook, Twitter

Alongside its website, <http://www.tennesseeholocaustcommission.org>, the Tennessee Holocaust Commission is friending the world of social networking. Through both Facebook and Twitter, two of the most popular online tools for socialization in today's fast-paced, high-demand society, the THC will be able to promote its cause through updates, photos, articles, links, and posts by other people and organizations. Not only will the use of Facebook and Twitter provide the opportunity for the THC to develop its relationship with its academic setting at Vanderbilt University, but will also allow the THC to reach a larger audience that builds itself online. What was once



Follow the THC on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/TNHolCom>

a word-of-mouth referral has now become a click-of-mouse referral and the THC hopes that this means of communication will prove useful for promoting awareness, featuring our Teaching

Fellows, and opening itself to the world of online public relations. Look for updates in the coming months as the THC moves towards social networking of limitless possibilities.