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We are proud to note that Rositta E. Kenigsberg, President of the Holocaust Documentation & Education Center, authored and led the efforts that resulted in the passage in April 1994 of legislation mandating that every student from kindergarten through grade 12 be taught about the Holocaust.



Required Public School Instruction of the History of the Holocaust

Florida Statute 1003.42 states: The history of the Holocaust (1933–1945), the systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in the history of humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an investigation of human behavior, and understanding of the ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting democratic values and

institutions.

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Broward County Student Awareness Day

A Prejudice Reduction and Anti-Bullying Program

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

DEDICATED

In Loving Memory of

Rita G. Hofrichter z"l

5/17/1927-11/13/2016



May her memory forever be a blessing

In Loving Memory of Our Rita G. Hofrichter



Rita was born in Lodz, Poland. Her family ran away from Lodz to escape being in that Ghetto, but the family was soon forced to enter the Warsaw Ghetto.

While there, Rita joined the underground Resistance Movement. She was able to get false papers and smuggled herself out of the Ghetto after participating in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

She lived in a Catholic Convent Orphanage, joined the Polish Resistance, worked as governess for non-Jews who did not know Rita was Jewish, and after being arrested and imprisoned several times as well as incarcerated in a camp by Nazis, she survived the war.

For 36 years, Rita coordinated the Oral History and Documentation Department, served as Chairperson for the Student Awareness Days and was one of the primary writers of the grades 9-12 State of Florida's Holocaust Education Teacher Resource Manual. Rita was an appointee to the Florida's Commissioner's Task Force on Holocaust Education.

Since the Holocaust Center's inception, Rita volunteered three days every week. In addition, she served on every one of the center's committees. Her input was always invaluable. She also served on the center's Board of Directors as the Vice President.

Rita is survived by her son Alex and two grandchildren, Adam and Ryan. May her memory forever be a blessing.

AGENDA

Opening	Rositta E. Kenigsberg, President Holocaust Documentation and Education Center
Greetings	Senator Steven A. Geller, Former Chairman Holocaust Documentation & Education Center
	Kim Bentley, AVP, Corporate Philanthropy JM Family Enterprises, Inc.
	Michael Balaban, CEO & President Jewish Federation of Broward County
.Film	<i>I'm Still Here</i>
Round Table Discussion #1	
A Survivor Speaks	Judy Rodan, Survivor
A Liberator Speaks	Kenneth Hunt, Liberator
Round Table Discussion #2	Lunch
Life after Hate	Angela King
Prejudice: Making Choices	Howard Finkelstein, Public Defender Broward County
Round Table Discussion #3	Candle Lighting/Evaluations
Open Microphone	Students Speak Out!
Closing: Streaming Video	<i>"Faces"</i>

Today is the 75th Anniversary of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, commemorating the attack on Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii, during World War II. Many American service men and women lost their lives or were injured on **December 7, 1941**. In just 90 minutes, the Japanese had inflicted a devastating blow. 3 battleships were sunk, 3 cruisers and 3 destroyers were damaged, and nearly 200 aircraft were destroyed. The most devastating loss was the 2,403 Americans killed and 1,178 wounded. The citizens of the US were in shock. They had tried to avoid the war, but they could not ignore this attack. The Japanese had hoped to break the Americans by attacking Pearl Harbor, instead they united them. The next day, December 8, 1941, the US declared war on Japan. Three days later Japan's allies, Germany and Italy, declared war on the United States. The US was now a major part of World War II. The US Navy

was able to recover from the attack on Pearl Harbor fairly quickly. Aircraft carriers would soon become the most important type of navy vessels in the war.