



Commissioner of Education's Task Force on Holocaust Education

Update from Barbara Goldstein, Chair

September 23, 2020



History

- In 1994, the Florida Legislature passed the Holocaust Education Bill (SB 660) amending section 233.061 of Florida Statutes to require all school districts to incorporate lessons on the Holocaust as part of public school instruction.
 - The Commissioner of Education created a Task Force on Holocaust Education.
 - The Task Force is an advisory to the Commissioner of Education and coordinates Holocaust education activities and provide Professional Development Opportunities for teachers on his behalf.
 - 10 Task Force sites in Florida to provide Professional Development Teacher Training with Subject Matter Experts.

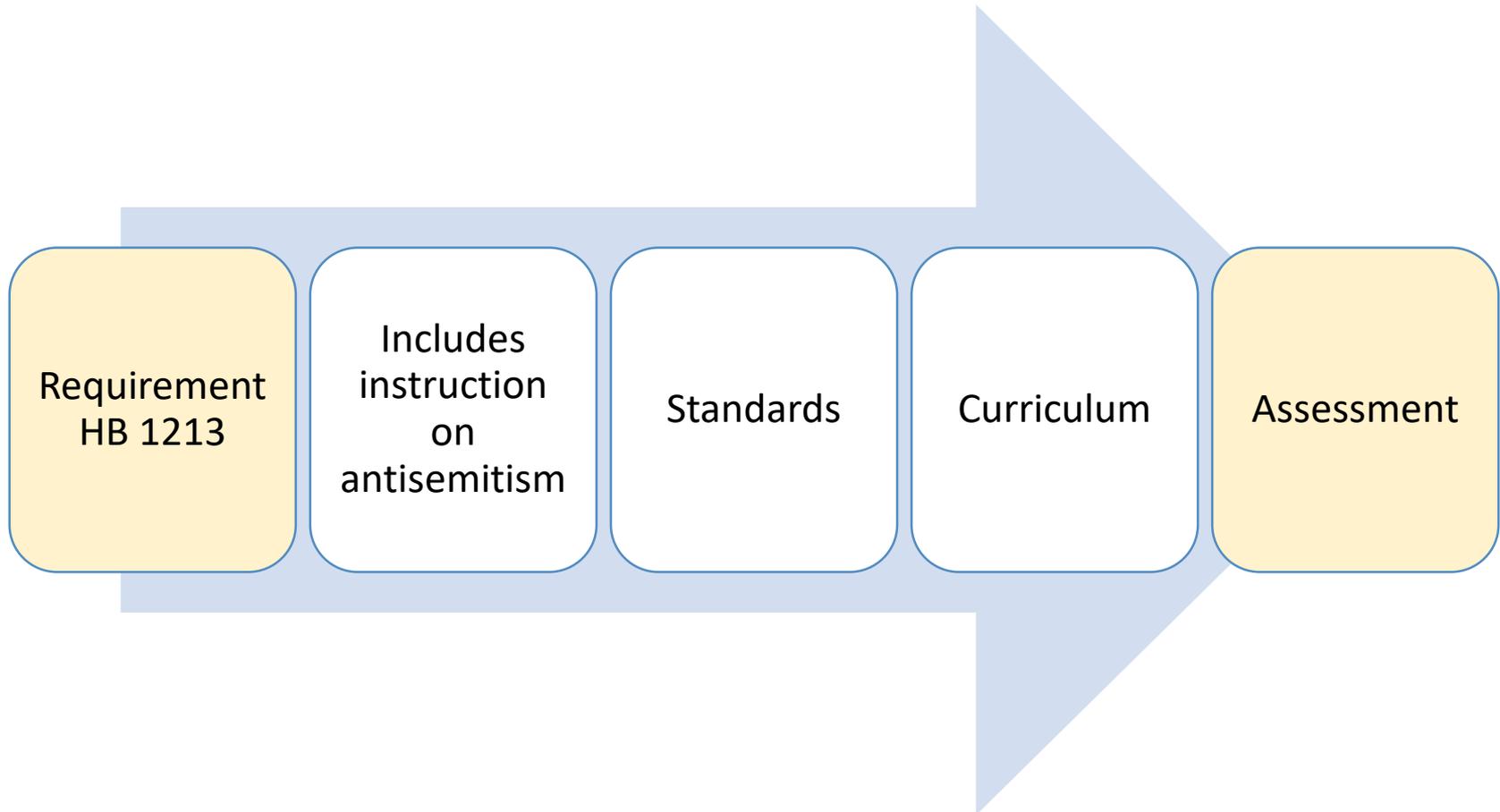
Section 1003.42(2)(g), Florida Statutes

- Required Instruction:
 - Public schools “shall teach efficiently and faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy, following the prescribed courses of study, and employing approved methods of instruction, the following:
 - “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, an 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.”

HB 1213 – Educational Instruction of Historical Events

- Revises the requirement to teach Holocaust education to include instruction concerning antisemitism; requires school districts to report Holocaust education instruction annually to the Department of Education; requires the Department to prepare and offer Holocaust education standards and curriculum; and designates second week in November as “Holocaust Education Week”

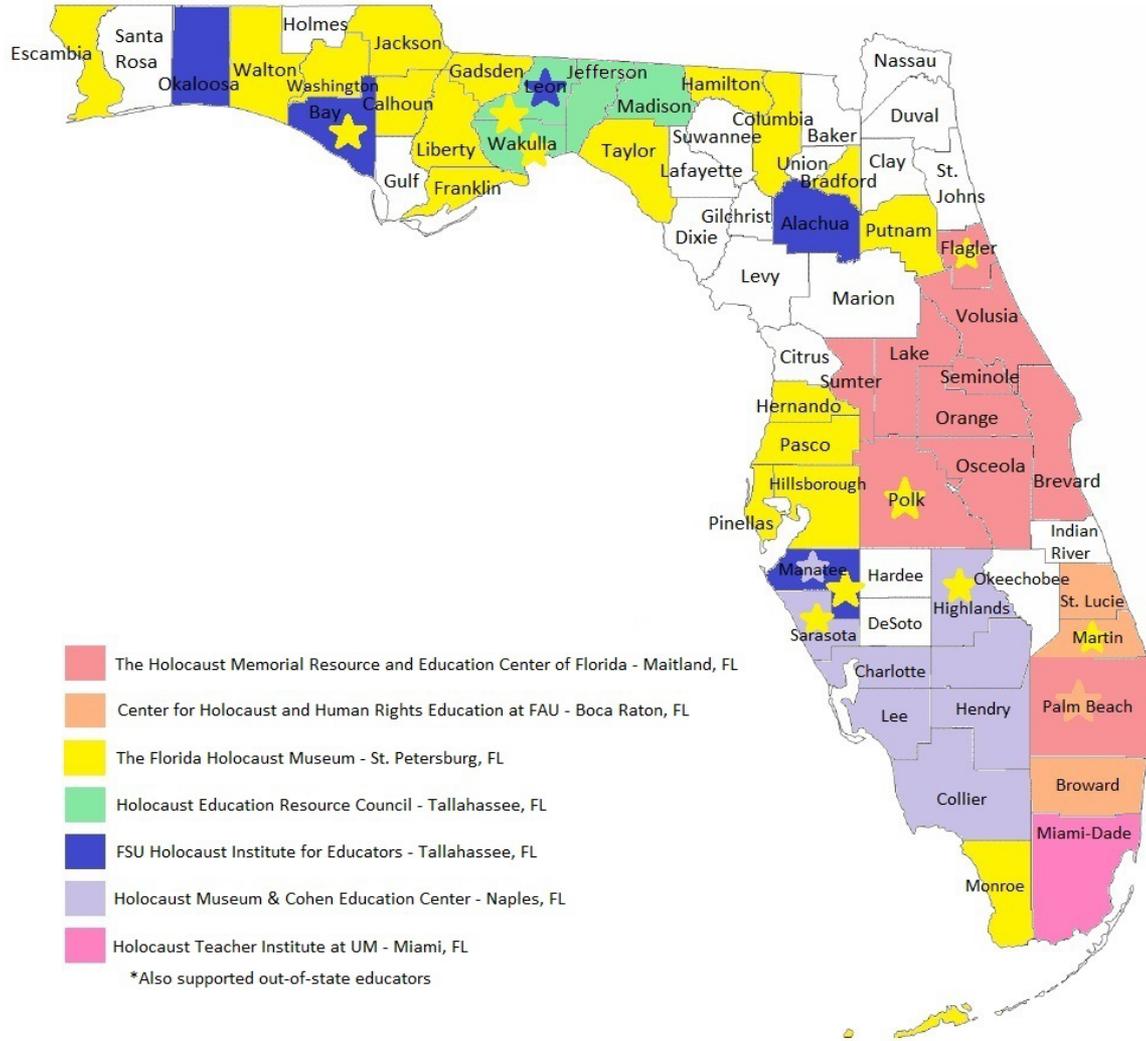
In Summary, the Task Force Exists to Connect Actual Instruction to Requirements in Law



Membership

- **All members of the Task Force on Holocaust Education are appointed by the Commissioner of Education. The members represent educators, Holocaust survivors, relatives of Holocaust survivors, university representatives, emeritus members, and other qualified individuals throughout Florida.**
- **Currently seeking new members to outreach all school districts.**
- **Holocaust educators need more representation on Task Force.**

2020: Holocaust Education in Florida



Holocaust Task Force Designated Learning Sites

Holocaust Education Week Resource Guide

- **Suggested Resources and Guidelines for Holocaust Education Week – developed for all school districts to assist for planning statewide programs**
- **November 9-13, 2020**
- **You will find a list of free digital and print resources and guidelines to help teachers and students explore Holocaust history and bring those lessons to today. Teachers should choose content that is appropriate for their students based on their age, grade, and how prepared they are for Holocaust studies.**
- **Holocaust Education week is an enhancement of ongoing Holocaust education as mandated in the state of Florida since 1994.**
- **www.fldoe.org/holocausteducation**

Holocaust Education Week Resource Guide

- Introduction to Holocaust Education Week as part of HB 1213: Educational Instruction of Historical Events (HB 1213)
- Reading of Proclamation for Holocaust Education Week
- State Mandate to Teach about the Holocaust in s. 1003.42(2)(g), F.S.



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Additional Context on Holocaust Education

Holocaust Education Week November 9-12th

HERC Invites You to Our Virtual Events for Statewide Recognition of Holocaust Education Week November 9th-12th



Monday, November 9 – 6:30pm – Dr. Mark Wygoda, speaks about *"In the Shadow of the Swastika"*, a book based upon his father's memoirs of WWII. He was known first as a Warsaw ghetto smuggler, then as Comandante Enrico. He traveled under false identity papers and worked at a German border patrol station. Throughout the years of the Holocaust, Hermann Wygoda lived a life of narrow escapes, daring masquerades, and battles that almost defy reason.



 **zoom** FREE to attend virtually online via www.facebook.com/events/353647666012056/



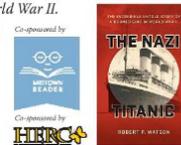
Tuesday, November 10 – 7pm – Dr. Oren Baruch Stier – *Professor of Religious Studies and Director, FIU Holocaust and Genocide Studies Program*
Kristallnacht: The End of the Beginning and the Beginning of the End
The state-sponsored, "spontaneous," premeditated pogrom on November 9-10, 1938 – known widely as *Kristallnacht*, or the Night of Broken Glass – represents both a historic and symbolic turning point in the Nazi assault against European Jewry. Commemorated widely, it remains relevant to anyone interested in understanding the evolution of hate. Join FIU's Oren Stier and HERC as we explore the significance of this date and reflect on why it continues to matter.



 **zoom** Zoom link invite coming soon



Thursday, November 12 – 6:30pm – Dr. Robert Watson author *The Nazi Titanic: The Incredible Untold Story of a Doomed Ship in World War II*. Built in 1927, the German ocean liner SS Cap Arcona was the greatest ship since the RMS Titanic and one of the most celebrated luxury liners in the world. When the Nazis seized control in Germany, she was stripped down for use as a floating barracks and troop transport. In the Third Reich's final days, the ill-fated ship was packed with thousands of concentration camp prisoners. Just days before Germany surrendered, the Cap Arcona was mistakenly bombed by the British Royal Air Force and nearly all of the concentration camp prisoners were killed in the last major tragedy of the Holocaust.



 **zoom** Zoom link invite coming soon

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Holocaust Education Week November 9-14th

FREE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

Offered by the Institute for Curriculum Services
in Collaboration with FAU's Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education

Participate in a virtual workshop exclusively for educators in
Broward, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie Counties on
Saturday, November 14, 2020 ● 8:30am - 12:00pm

PART 1: Teaching About Religion in the Classroom

Anti-religious sentiment is on the uptick in the United States and Europe. Education about and exposure to the world's religious traditions are critical for students as they become global citizens. This interactive segment explores the legal foundations in the United States for teaching about religion in schools, and uses case studies to consider the very real challenges involved in teaching this topic.



PART 2: History of European Antisemitism: The Longest Hatred

Where does antisemitism come from? This is a question that students often ask when learning about the Holocaust, but since the events in Charlottesville (2017), Pittsburgh (2018), San Diego (2019), plus incidents in Germany and other European nations, the need for greater instruction on the topic is critical. This segment outlines the larger context of antisemitism and offers the content teachers need to help students understand the origins and history of the "longest hatred" for both the study of the Holocaust and events today.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ICS

Contact Trainer and Educator, Dori Gerber, M.Ed.
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In Observance of Holocaust Education Week

- Limited Capacity for Secondary 6-12 Teachers -
- Professional Development Points Available -

Email imedvin@fau.edu by
November 1, 2020 to Register

Professional Development partners with USHMM



The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
Conference for Holocaust Education Centers - CHEC
 In partnership with
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
 Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences
Holocaust Institute at the University of Miami
 School of Education and Human Development
Dave and Mary Alper JCC



Invite You to A Day of Virtual Holocaust Learning

SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 2020

Time: 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. All M-DCPS Teachers Must Sign Up on MyLearningPlan

TOPICS - MORNING SESSION

"Why Didn't the Jews Just Leave?"
 The Story of Immigration to the United States: 1933 – 1941
 And
"The Holocaust and Latin America"

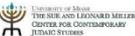


AFTERNOON SESSION

▶ Ruth Behar, Author
"Letters From Cuba"



















Teacher's Workshop Testimonial

"I just want to say THANK YOU for allowing me to participate in the Holocaust Institute. It was an inspirational, educational, and thought-provoking experience. I learned so much. As an adjunct professor, I teach Teaching the Holocaust and Teaching Prejudice Reduction. I also teach the advanced seminars for those two courses. I will be sharing a lot of what I learned with the teachers in those courses."

"...what an institute this was - despite social distancing, there was such a feeling of closeness and warmth...this was incredible, and you handled it masterfully and with grace - impressed and re-energized to continue the teaching mission"

"In addition to everything they learned about the Holocaust and the Survivors, they learned about the importance of respect for all people, and of being tolerant of differences and being more open and accepting of others."

"I found the webinar to be relevant to what's going on in today's world (Covid-19, antisemitism, riots,...), and I believe that this is important when teaching it to our students, because if they can relate it to their/our world (current events), they can grasp the concept(s) better, and hopefully become ambassadors, in helping make our world, as well as future generations' a much better one!"

"I thoroughly enjoyed learning history from firsthand experiences. ... It was an amazing experience. I enjoyed the videos as well and appreciate the chance to dissect the videos and discuss them."

"I learned from Sonja (Holocaust survivor Sonja Marchesano) to treat everyone with respect and treat people the way you would want to be treated. I hope to spread the word to future generations and to my family about the experience I had with her and what I learned" – student

Teacher Trainings – July 2019-June 2020

- Total teachers attended training – 2103
- Total funds allocated for training from Task Force- \$34,816.47
- Locations of Teacher Training sites – Maitland, Boca Raton, Miami, Naples, Tallahassee
- Number of counties reached – 58
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- The success of outreach impacted more teachers with challenging plans.



FAU CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION (CHHRE)



CHHRE Educators Field Study to United States Holocaust Memorial Museum 2020

Education is Our Best Hope Against Hatred!

VIRTUAL EVENTS | FALL 2020

EDUCATORS, STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE INVITED

PRESENTED IN COLLABORATION WITH UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

(Professional Development Points Available)

WED, SEPTEMBER 16, 4-7 PM **Honoring Hispanic Heritage Month: Resources for Teaching about the Holocaust**

Drawing on resources from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, this workshop will highlight strategies relevant to Hispanic Heritage Month that can be used to teach about the Holocaust. An overview of antisemitism and Holocaust History through Museum collections and lesson plans will be highlighted. **Zoom webinar:**

<https://bit.ly/30TZdGb>

THURS, OCTOBER 22, 4-7 PM **From Swastika to Jim Crow**

The little-known story of Jewish intellectuals who escaped Nazi Germany to the US in the 1930s. Confronted with antisemitism at American universities and public distrust of foreigners, they secured teaching positions at traditionally black colleges in the then-segregated South. Drawing on resources from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Zoom webinar: <https://bit.ly/2X2LgEO>

MORE INFORMATION AT

chhre@fau.edu | 561-297-2929

If you need a reasonable accommodation to fully participate in this event please email chhre@fau.edu or call 561-297-2929 or TTY Relay Station 1-800-955-8770 preferably 5 business days prior to event.



**CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST AND
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Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters
Florida Atlantic University



Teaching Holocaust with Film & Literature Workshop

Monday, October 5th
from 10am to 3pm

Join us on ZOOM for an engaging virtual professional development session to gain teaching tools for Holocaust education in your classroom.

Featuring:



Alexandra Zapruder

Guest Speaker
Author, *Salvaged Pages*



Dr. Dan Leshem

Executive Director of
Hillel at FSU
Holocaust Scholar

Registration is **FREE** and available at
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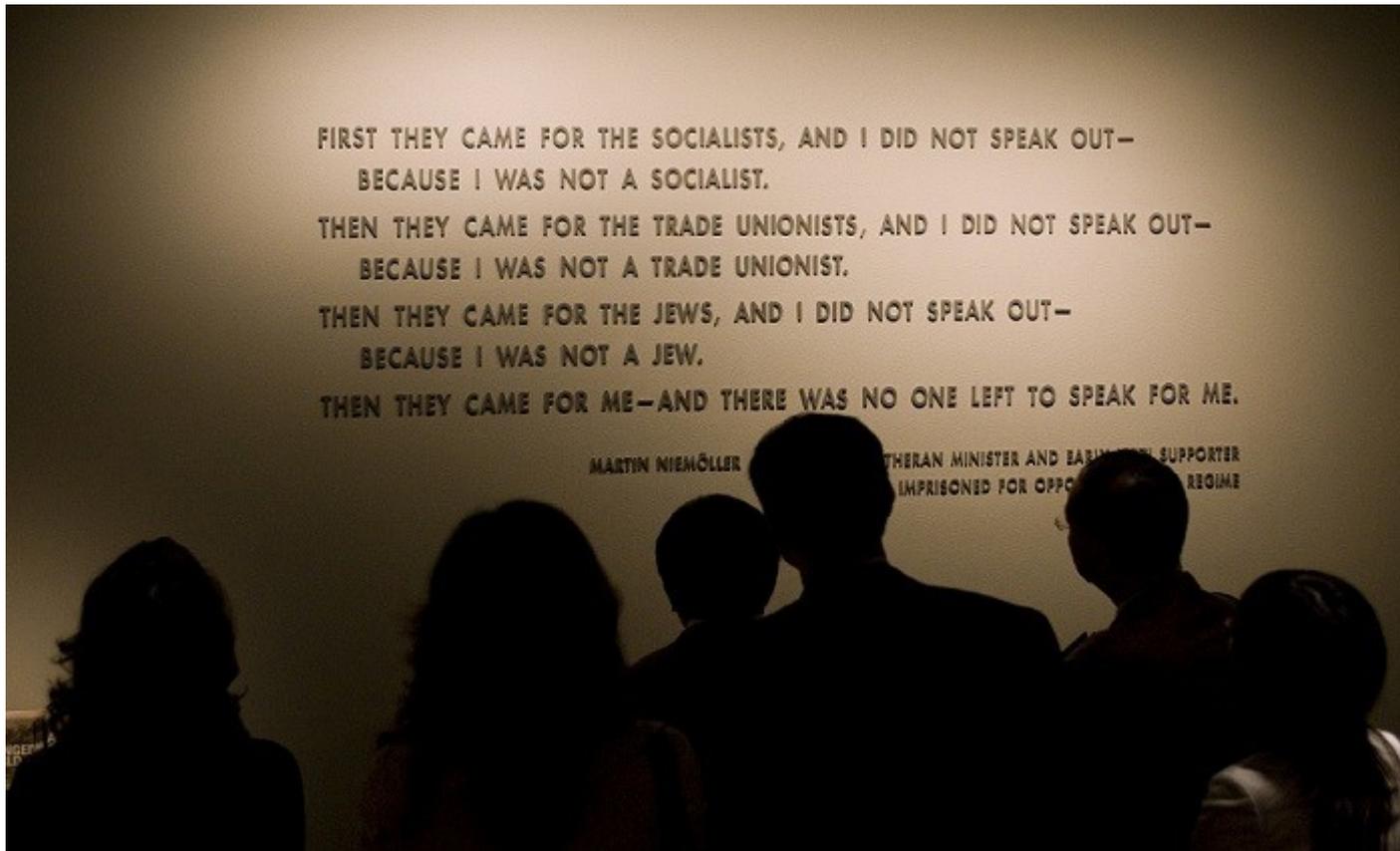
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Task Force partners with FLVS

- New virtual teacher training opportunities planned to cover required instruction with many topics and levels statewide. The goal is to launch January 2021 on the DOE platform. We are seeking subject matter experts and educators for course development.

History's Lesson - Quote from Martin Niemöller, a Lutheran minister and early Nazi supporter who was later imprisoned for opposing Hitler's regime.





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