

ABOUT SETON HILL UNIVERSITY'S NATIONAL CATHOLIC CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

The National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education (NCCHE) was established on the campus of Seton Hill University in 1987. Seton Hill initiated this national Catholic movement toward Holocaust studies in response to the urging of Pope John Paul II to recognize the significance of the Shoah, the Holocaust, and to "promote the necessary historical and religious studies on this event which concerns the whole of humanity today." The NCCHE has as its primary purpose the broad dissemination of scholarship on the root causes of anti-Semitism, its relation to the Holocaust, and the implications from the Catholic perspective of both for today's world. Toward this end the Center is committed to equipping scholars, especially those at Catholic institutions, to enter into serious discussion on the causes of anti-Semitism and the Holocaust; shaping appropriate curricular responses at Catholic institutions and other educational sites; sustaining Seton Hill's Catholic Institute for Holocaust Studies in Israel through a cooperative program with Yad Vashem, the Isaac Jacob Institute for Religious Law, and Hebrew University; encouraging scholarship and research through conferences, publications, workshops for educators, and similar activities; sponsoring local events on the Holocaust and related topics in the University and the community, and enhancing Catholic-Jewish relations. Please contact the NCCHE by calling 724-830-1033 or sending an email to ncche@setonhill.edu.

ABOUT OUR BENEFACTOR ETHEL LEFRAK

A graduate and trustee of Barnard College, Ethel LeFrak has been active as a trustee or member of the board of directors for many cultural, philanthropic, educational and medical institutions, including serving as a trustee of the Cardozo Law School, vice president of the Little Orchestra Society, trustee of the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, trustee of the Albert Einstein Medical College, and patron of the Asia Society.

A member of the Metropolitan Opera's "Golden Horseshoe" and "Opera Club," Ethel LeFrak also has been a patron of the Lincoln Center, a conservator of the New York Public Library, a member of the Council of the Salk Institute, and a member of the Board of the United Nations International Hospitality Committee – which was instrumental in having her and her husband, the late Dr. Samuel J. LeFrak, honored with the United Nations' "Distinguished Citizens of the World" Award in 1994.

Among the many institutions recognizing the philanthropic generosity of the Samuel J. and Ethel LeFrak Foundation are the Guggenheim Museum of the City of New York, Temple Emmanu-El on New York's Fifth Avenue, Queens College, the Smithsonian National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., the Pratt Institute, Barnard College and the American Museum of Natural History of New York.



Mrs. LeFrak also generously donated a large gift to the Albert Einstein College of Yeshiva University.

With her husband, Dr. Samuel LeFrak, Ethel LeFrak co-authored two books on their family art collection: "Masters of the Modern Tradition" and "A Passion for Art." The LeFrak collection has been hailed by Art & Antiques magazine as being one of America's top 100 collections.

In 1996, Mrs. LeFrak was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, from Seton Hill. In 1998, Marymount Manhattan College also presented her with a Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.

ABOUT THE ETHEL LEFRAK HOLOCAUST EDUCATION CONFERENCE AND STUDENT SCHOLARS OF THE HOLOCAUST FUND

In 2008, noted New York philanthropist Ethel LeFrak made a generous donation to Seton Hill University's National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education (NCCHE) to endow The Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference and create The Ethel LeFrak Student Scholars of the Holocaust Fund.

The triennial Holocaust Education Conference of the National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education – now known as **The Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference** – seeks to enhance Catholic-Jewish understanding by "educating the educators" in the hope of reaching the whole of humanity. The Conference equips teachers and faculty members, especially those at Catholic institutions, to enter into serious discussions on the causes of anti-Semitism and the Holocaust, and to write and deliver papers that shape appropriate curricular responses at Catholic institutions and other educational sites. The Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference Endowment Fund supports the appearance at the conference of national and international speakers, sponsors the art, music and film events that accompany the conference, and underwrites the publication of The Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference Proceedings.

The Ethel LeFrak Student Scholars Fund provides annual scholarships to support Seton Hill student participation in: the Summer Institute at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Remembrance Authority in Israel; The Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference; the Genocide and Holocaust Studies Program at Seton Hill; and activities relating to international travel, Jewish-Catholic traditions, and readings and research to advance understanding of significant Holocaust issues past and present. In addition, the **Ethel LeFrak Outstanding Student Scholar of the Holocaust Award** in the amount of \$1,000 will be presented annually to the Seton Hill student who writes a reflection paper that best demonstrates a keen and advanced understanding of the lessons of the Holocaust or another specific act of genocide.

COVER PHOTO: 1940-1944, Lodz, Poland—"Ghetto School Children holding small pails and cups wait in line outside the ghetto soup kitchen." © City of Frankfurt am Main Juedisches Museum, Germany. Used with permission.

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The National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education's Ninth Triennial Holocaust Education Conference

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Seton Hill University's National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education (NCCHE) will launch the celebration of its 25th anniversary with The Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference October 21-23, 2012, on the University's hilltop campus in Greensburg, Pa. The theme for the 2012 conference is "Holocaust Education: Challenges for the Future."

Sister Gemma Del Duca, S.C., Ph.D., founder and co-director in Israel of Seton Hill's NCCHE, said "We begin our 25th anniversary as a Center with The Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference in October. It is so appropriate that we host this special opportunity for noted scholars in the field to meet with Holocaust educators from across the country."

The Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference will feature prominent international scholars, educators and advocates addressing Holocaust education through lectures and workshops.

"Together with deeply committed scholars we will look at future challenges in the study and teaching of the Shoah, which is the Hebrew word for Holocaust, in a fast moving, changing world, where technology can dictate political, economic and social changes. The study of the Holocaust has much to teach about the danger of dictatorship, about the necessity to be guided by religious, ethical principles and universal human values, and about the difficulty and importance of maintaining human dignity in extreme situations," said Sister Gemma. "This conference will also challenge us to use technology to enhance Holocaust education, making it more accessible, which is something we did not envision in 1987 when we began. Over the years we have learned to appreciate writing, poetry, art, music and film, especially of the survivors who have been our greatest teachers. We will look for ways to keep their memories and their works alive as an integral part of Holocaust education in the future."



Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg, Ph.D., will serve as the conference's keynote speaker. Greenberg is a Modern Orthodox rabbi, Jewish-American scholar, author and leader in Holocaust education. In 1975, he founded the Zachor Holocaust Resource Center with Elie Wiesel. He was executive director of President Jimmy Carter's Commission on the Holocaust,

which led to the establishment of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Later Greenberg served on the museum's founding board and council. In 2000, President Bill Clinton appointed him to chair the council.

Featured speakers include: **Yehuda Bauer, Ph.D.**, professor of Holocaust Studies, Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; **Eva Fogelman, Ph.D.**, social psychologist,

psychotherapist, author and filmmaker; **Myrna Goldenberg, Ph.D.**, professor emerita, Montgomery College; **Rev. John T. Pawlikowski, O.S.M., Ph.D.**, Servite priest and professor, social ethics, Catholic Theological Union of the University of Chicago; **Joanne Rudof**, archivist, Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies, Yale University; **Carol Rittner, R.S.M., Ph.D.**, distinguished professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the Dr. Marsha R. Grossman Professor of Holocaust Studies, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey; **John K. Roth, Ph.D.**, author, editor and Edward J. Sexton professor emeritus of philosophy and founding director, The Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights, Claremont McKenna College; **Stephen Smith, Ph.D.**, Holocaust specialist and executive director, Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education, University of Southern California; **James Waller, Ph.D.**, social psychologist and the Cohen Endowed Chair of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Keene State College; **Carl Wilkens**, director of nonprofit website, World Outside My Shoes, and advocate for genocide awareness.

ART EXHIBITS

Seton Hill University's Harlan Gallery will feature two exhibits in conjunction with the Conference. Both exhibits will run from October 11 through November 15 with a special reception for conference participants.



Illuminations: The Art of Samuel Bak, a gift from Samuel and Josée Bak along with Bernie and Sue Pucker to Facing History and Ourselves, will be on loan to Seton Hill University from the Brookline, MA organization. The exhibit consists of 20 original works by world-renowned artist **Samuel Bak**, who survived the Holocaust as a child in Vilna, Poland. He says of his works, "I certainly do not make illustrations of things that happened. I do it in a symbolic way, in a way which only gives a sense of a world that was shattered..."



The Saint John's Bible Exhibit featuring the Pentateuch and Psalms along with ten framed pages of the new seven-volume Heritage Edition of the Bible created under the artistic direction of **Donald Jackson** will be on loan from Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN. Jackson, who has been responsible for both the original manuscript and the Heritage "interpretations," stated of the 15 year project: "All along, I have believed that if we stayed true to the vision of making the word of God alive on a page, it would speak to everyone, whatever they bring to it."

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The conference is designed for Holocaust educators teaching at the college/university and middle and high school levels.



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (AS OF 7/25/12) • Visit ncche.setonhill.edu for conference details and updates

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2012

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Mass
 11:15 – 12:45 p.m. Registration/Light Refreshments
 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Opening Remarks • The Ethel LeFrak Outstanding Student of the Holocaust Award
 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. "Teaching about the Holocaust in the 21st Century" • **Featured Speaker:** Yehuda Bauer (video presentation) • **Panelists:** Carol Rittner, RSM, John K. Roth and James E. Waller
 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. "Different Horrors/Same Hell: Women and the Holocaust 25 Years Later" • **Featured Speaker:** Myrna Goldenberg
 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Harlan Gallery Reception—"Illuminations: The Art of Samuel Bak" and "The Saint John's Bible"
 5:45 – 7:15 p.m. Dinner
 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. "But We Have Not Been Saved: An Unfinished Moral and Theological Agenda of 'Never Again'" • **Keynote Speaker:** Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg

12:30 – 1:40 p.m. Lunch
 1:50 – 2:50 p.m. "The Motivations of Rescuers during the Holocaust" • **Featured Speaker:** Dr. Eva Fogelman
 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. "How Participation in the Catholic Institute for Holocaust Studies (CIHS) Influenced my Work" • **Moderator:** Gemma Del Duca, S.C. **Panelists:** Carol Brode, Jason Russo, and Sister Maureen O'Brien
 4:10 - 5:50 p.m. "Genocide in Rwanda" • **Featured Speaker:** Carol Rittner, RSM
 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Dinner
 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. "The Impact of Vatican II on Christian-Jewish Relations" • **Featured Speaker:** John T. Pawlikowski, OSM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration
 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. Announcements
 9:10 – 10:10 a.m. "Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Killing" • **Featured Speaker:** James E. Waller
 10:20 – 11:20 a.m. "You Shall Not Murder": Ethics, Holocaust Education, and Religion" • **Featured Speaker:** John K. Roth
 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. "What Do We Do After the Witnesses Are Gone?" • **Featured Speaker:** Stephen D. Smith (video presentation)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012

8:00 – 8:50 a.m. Registration
 8:50 – 9:00 a.m. Announcements
 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Dance Performance—"Bearing Witness" Choreographed by Tamara Swank and performed by Seton Hill University Students
 9:35 – 10:55 a.m. Introduction by Carol Rittner, RSM "Witness to Genocide in Rwanda" • **Featured Speakers:** Carl and Teresa Wilkens
 11:10 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. "World Outside My Shoes—Confronting Prejudice, Forgiveness and Reconciliation"—A Workshop for Teachers and Students **Featured Presenters:** Carl and Teresa Wilkens
 1:00 – 2:10 p.m. Lunch
 2:20 – 3:40 p.m. "Holocaust Video Testimonies: Research and Classroom Use" • **Featured Speaker:** Joanne W. Rudof
 3:40 – 4:00 p.m. Closing Session

HOTEL AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

Michael Philopena, Vacation Station Travel, michael@vacation-station.net or 724-832-7117, has been designated to assist conference participants with travel and hotel reservations.

Hotel—Rooms have been reserved at the **Ramada Hotel & Conference Center** (formerly the Four Points Sheraton Greensburg) at a rate of \$89 (plus tax) per night single or double occupancy. Continental breakfast is included. The registration cut-off date for the conference rate is **Friday, September 28**. Please make your room reservations by contacting *Vacation Station Travel*.

Air Travel—Fly into the Pittsburgh International Airport (it's located about 1 hour and 15 minutes away). Or fly into the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport, located approximately 20 minutes from campus. *Vacation Station Travel* is available to assist with flight and ground transportation arrangements.

ONLINE COURSE: THE FUTURE OF HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Seton Hill University, in conjunction with the conference, is offering a special online course, *HU505 76 The Future of Holocaust Education*, as part of its Genocide and Holocaust Studies program. Course participants will attend the conference and study the works of the keynote and featured speakers. The course runs for eight weeks, October 13 - December 8, 2012. For further information contact Dr. James Paharik by e-mail: jpaharik@setonhill.edu or by telephone: 724-830-1073.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

You may register online at alumni.setonhill.edu/lefrakconference or by mail using the form in this brochure. Visit ncche.setonhill.edu for conference details and updates.

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