



## **2010 Holocaust Remembrance Activities United Nations Headquarters, New York**

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The 2010 observance of the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust will focus on a central theme that emphasizes the legacy that survivors will pass on to succeeding generations. The theme “Holocaust Remembrance: the Legacy of Survival” highlights the moral messages expressed by those who have suffered from Nazi persecution and denial of basic human rights. As there are fewer survivors to tell their stories today, it is of primary importance that these universal lessons be shared with all fellow human beings. Only this will ensure that their legacy will continue to promote respect for diversity and human rights for generations to come.

### **Monday 25 January**

- **Exhibit Opening: “Generations: Survival and the Legacy of Hope” 6:00 p.m.**  
This exhibition shows that Holocaust survivors have a clear message to leave to the benefit of future generations, as well as to others who may have experienced similar persecution. Their legacy is deeply personal and painful, but has a compelling universal lesson for humanity—that one can survive and thrive with the promise of future generations to follow, carrying the traditions, beliefs and wisdom. The exhibition is a joint project of the UK Holocaust Centre, San Diego Jewish Cultural Centre and Conscience Display. Opening is co-sponsored by USC Shoah Foundation Institute.  
Venue: UN Public Lobby (Access through the UN visitors' entrance at 1st Avenue and 46 Street).  
For more information, please contact [wichmann@un.org](mailto:wichmann@un.org)

### **Tuesday 26 January**

- **Exhibit Opening: “Architecture of Murder: The Auschwitz-Birkenau Blueprints” 6:00 p.m.**  
The aim of the exhibition is to emphasize that Auschwitz-Birkenau, the concentration and extermination camp which became known worldwide as the insignia of human evil, was engineered for the destruction of European Jewry. The Auschwitz camp complex was the largest and most important extermination complex built by Nazi Germany. During the period of its operation between June 1940 and January 1945, the Germans murdered more than a million people on site, most of whom were Jews.  
Sponsored by Yad Vashem, The Holocaust Martyrs’ and Heroes’ Remembrance Authority.  
Venue: UN Public Lobby (Access through the UN visitors' entrance at 1st Avenue and 46 Street).  
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## Wednesday 27 January

- **Panel Discussion: “Interreligious Responses to the Holocaust: 65 Years after Liberation”, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

B’nai B’rith International, in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations, will organize a discussion on the Shoah and its lessons, led by senior faith leaders and the Executive Vice President of B’nai B’rith International.

Venue: Temporary North Lawn Building, Conference Room 2.

For more information, please contact [rsvpUN@bnaibrith.org](mailto:rsvpUN@bnaibrith.org) or call 212-557-0019.

- **Holocaust Memorial Ceremony and Concert, General Assembly Hall, 7:00 p.m.**

With the theme “Holocaust remembrance: the Legacy of Survival”, the solemn ceremony and concert will mark the 65th anniversary of the liberation of the former death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau and underscore the universal lessons that survivors will pass on to future generations. The event, to be opened by United Nations Under-Secretary-General Kiyo Akasaka, will include a message from United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, as well as brief remarks by H.E. Peter Wittig, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations and H.E. Yuli-Yoel Edelstein, Minister of Information and Diaspora, Israel. Keynote remarks will be made by Nechama Tec, Holocaust survivor, who will be joined by her son, Mr. Roland Tec, co-producer of the film “Defiance”. Mr. Andrzej Mirga, Senior Adviser on Roma Sinti Issues, ODIHR/OSCE, will also make a statement. The music will be performed by the Nürnberg Philharmonic Orchestra, the Jerusalem Oratorio Chamber Choir and the Bayreuth Zamir Chorale, conducted by Maestro Issak Tavior. Mr. Zev Salomon Muller, Chief Cantor of the West Side Institutional Synagogue, will recite the memorial prayers.

Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis; **pre-registration required by 13 January 2010** at [holocaustremembrance@un.org](mailto:holocaustremembrance@un.org) (Subject line: Please indicate your name + Registration 27 January Ceremony).

Tickets will be available for pick up **for pre-registered guests only** in UN Public Lobby on 15 January 2010 from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.(Access through the UN visitors' entrance at 1st Avenue and 46 Street).

## Thursday 28 January

- **DPI-NGO Briefing on “The Legacy of the Jews in Morocco”, 10:00 a.m.**

This briefing, which is part of the weekly DPI/NGO briefings, will focus on the legacy of the Jewish community in Northern Africa, where there was a concentration of Sephardic Jews who also suffered internment and deportation during the Holocaust.

Venue: To be determined.

For more information please contact [dpingo.briefings@un.org](mailto:dpingo.briefings@un.org)

- **Screening of film “Defiance”, 6:00 p.m., cosponsored by Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations**

*Defiance* (2h17, Paramount Vantage films) is a feature film about Jewish partisans battling the Nazis in Belarus, starring Daniel Craig and Liev Schreiber. It is based on a true story that was detailed in a book by Holocaust scholar Nechama Tec. Director Edward Zwick succeeds in combining epic scope with intimate detail. *Defiance* brings to life the struggle of this group of brave Jews who fought against overwhelming odds, providing a sharp contrast to the countless World War II movies portraying Jews as helpless victims. **Please note that this film is rated R and is not appropriate for young audiences.** This screening has been made possible by Paramount Pictures and is cosponsored by the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Venue: Temporary North Lawn Building, Conference Room 3 (Access through the UN visitors' entrance at 1st Avenue and 46 Street).

Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. For registration, please contact [holocaustremembrance@un.org](mailto:holocaustremembrance@un.org) (Subject line: Please indicate your name + Registration 28 January Film Screening).

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