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Holocaust Remembrance: Diversity and Lessons to Be Learned for Human Understanding

Thursday 25 January • 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Conference Room 4, United Nations Headquarters

Hawa Diallo began her United Nations career in 1987 with the Department of Public Information in New York. From 1992 to 1994, she served in two United Nations Peacekeeping Operations in Cambodia and Somalia. Upon her return to New York, Ms. Diallo joined the Office of the Deputy Secretary-General until moving to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UNHabitat) in Nairobi, as an Associate Human Settlements Officer and later worked as a Partners and Youth Officer until moving to the Agency’s New York Liaison Office in 2010. In 2013, Ms. Diallo was appointed Public Information Officer in the NGO Relations Section of the Department of Public Information.

Kimberly Mann is Chief of Education Outreach in the United Nations Department of Public Information, where she develops the strategy for and oversees the implementation of global education initiatives, including remembrance of the transatlantic slave trade, Holocaust education, Model UN and other youth projects. From 2005 to 2015, Ms. Mann served as the manager of the Holocaust education programme and she continues to represent the United Nations at the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. Ms. Mann joined the Organization in 1993, where she has held several positions, including Chief of Special Projects, Manager of the Messengers of Peace Programme and Desk Officer for the United Nations Information Centres in Africa. Prior to this she worked in public relations and advertising and as a teacher.

Sarah Kaidanow is the NGO youth representative for the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center (HHREC) of Westchester. She is also the proud granddaughter of two Holocaust survivors; Jerry and Ellen Kaidanow. As an actor and writer, Ms. Kaidanow is able to help share her family’s Holocaust stories through her work. Most recently, Ms. Kaidanow produced a short film, featuring her grandparents, for HHREC. She has been involved with them for the past year and is encouraged by their work to bring Holocaust education into schools and communities which might otherwise have little resources for teaching the lessons of the Holocaust.
Evelyn Sommer is the Chair of the World Jewish Congress North America. In 1990, the American Section of the World Jewish Congress (WJC) elected Ms. Sommer as Chairman, a post she held until January 2007. During this period, she chaired the Plenary Assembly of the WJC in Jerusalem and represented the WJC at important international meetings such as the OSCE conferences on anti-Semitism in Berlin/Germany and Cordoba/Spain. Ms. Sommer is also the founding President of the Women’s International Zionist Organization (WIZO) USA and represented WIZO at the United Nations’ Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and its Commissions on Human Rights and on the Status of Women.

David J. Michaels is the Director of United Nations and Intercommunal Affairs at B’nai B’rith International, the world’s oldest Jewish humanitarian, advocacy and social action organization. Mr. Michaels has traveled extensively and met numerous senior government and faith leaders, among them Pope Francis, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres and King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia. His work and perspectives have been featured widely in international media and he has received several awards for his professional accomplishments. Mr. Michaels trained at the Office of William Jefferson Clinton, the Foreign Ministry of Germany, the Embassy of Israel in Washington, the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, Ha’aretz, and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Jason Sirois is the Anti-Defamation League’s (ADL) Director of No Place for Hate®, where he oversees the implementation of the initiative in ADL’s 27 regional offices. Currently more than 1,600 schools participate in the No Place for Hate programme across the United States. Mr. Sirois’ objective is to expand this number to five percent of schools in the country by 2022. The programme aims to create positive, sustainable change in a school environment in which students take the lead in developing a culture where respect is the norm. Mr. Jason has been a motivational speaker and trainer focused on addressing issues of bias, harassment, discrimination, and bullying in schools, communities and the workplace. His work has directly impacted millions of students and educators throughout the United States.
Join #DPINGO today as #WeRemember the Holocaust in observance of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust. Watch LIVE at webtv.un.org

#HolocaustRemembrance Day marks the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camps in 1945 #WeRemember #DPINGO

Two-thirds of Jewish people living in Europe at the time of World War II were killed by Nazis #DPINGO

The @UN has an exhibit in the visitor’s lobby this year called “The Butterfly Project: Remembering Children of the Holocaust”, featuring hand crafted butterflies made by children around the world over the last 20 years #DPINGO

We must reject those who fail to understand that as societies become multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multi-cultural, diversity must be seen as a source of richness and not a threat – @antonioguterres #DPINGO

Register now for the @UN Holocaust Memorial Ceremony on 31 January in the General Assembly Hall with #UNSG @antonioguterres - http://bit.ly/2kJtFBO
This exhibit entitled “The Butterfly Project: Remembering the Children of the Holocaust” features handcrafted butterflies that have been made by children around the world for the last 20 years. The exhibition is presented by Holocaust Museum Houston of the United States, in collaboration with the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme. The exhibit will be on display from 11 January to 26 February 2018 in the United Nations Visitors' Lobby.