

Hatikvah Holocaust Education Center

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Traveling Exhibit Opens at UConn; Booked at Additional Cities in 2009

Hatikvah's traveling version of "A Reason to Remember: Roth, Germany 1933-1942" opened at the Dodd Research Center at the University of Connecticut on August 25, 2008.

It is on display in the main entrance vestibule of UConn's Babbidge Library. The library draws over 20,000 visitors every month. The exhibit will be on display for six weeks and is already attracting large numbers of library patrons.

UConn is hosting an opening reception for "A Reason to Remember" and three other unrelated exhibits on September 14.

For more information about the reception, visit <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits>. For more information about the Dodd Center, visit <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/research/spec/lib/ASC/about/about.htm>.

After the Dodd Center, the exhibit is scheduled to go to five more cities during the winter and spring, including: Mt. Olive Illinois; Boca Raton, Florida; Scottsdale, Arizona; Amherst, Massachusetts (UMass); and Long Beach, California.

Our exhibit is becoming well known among Holocaust Centers, JCC's and colleges. We have received inquiries from the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati about future bookings. It is gratifying to know that students all over the country are learning the lessons of the Holocaust based on Hatikvah's exhibit.

Hatikvah and UMass Begin Academic Partnership

The Hatikvah Center and UMass met several times this past spring and summer and will be signing a Memorandum of Understanding for an academic partnership for this year. The partnership expands Hatikvah's reach and helps to expose new groups to the lessons of the Holocaust.

The traveling exhibit will be displayed at UMass Amherst in March/April 2009. Additionally, we are engaged in on-going discussions with UMass about our curriculum project with the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.



The traveling exhibit on display at the Dodd Center at UConn



Summer Intern Sponsored by Clark University



Clark University junior Lindsay Danforth of Springfield conducted a full-time internship at Hatikvah over the summer. She cataloged over 1500 artifacts including documents, pictures, letters, money, newspaper articles, armbands, flags and articles of clothing.

Lindsay's internship was made possible by a stipend from Clark's Holocaust and Genocide Studies program. "Working at Hatikvah has only deepened my interest in the Holocaust," she said. "I had the opportunity to handle actual artifacts from World War II, which is a privilege that most college students don't get the chance to do."

Hatikvah and Elms College Commemorate 70th Anniversary of Kristallnacht

Date: Monday, November 10, 2008

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Alumnae Library Theatre, Elms College, Chicopee, MA

Our annual, inter-faith commemoration of Kristallnacht will be held on November 10. This year marks the 70th anniversary of this group of events that changed history.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Henry Knight, director of the Cohen Center for Holocaust Studies at Keene State College. The program will include music and a brief prayer service. The evening is co-sponsored by Elms College and Hatikvah.



Shattered storefront of a Jewish business

For more information about Kristallnacht, visit our website: <http://www.hatikvah-center.org/events/kristall.html>.

Changes and Plans for the Academic Year 2008/2009

Rabbi Robert Sternberg is no longer affiliated with Hatikvah and is pursuing other interests.

Last year we reported that Hatikvah reaches over 5000 students annually and works with teachers representing over 450 classrooms. We are confident that we will reach even greater numbers of people this year. As always, our board and volunteer committees are scheduling school tours and working on annual programs and special events, coordinating the traveling exhibit and reaching out to further our mission of combating prejudice, bigotry, and hatred.

Hatikvah is open and staffed from 9:00AM – 3:00PM Monday through Friday. The exhibit is open until 2PM weekdays and Sundays by appointment.

For more information, to book a tour, or to discuss volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at: www.hatikvah-center.org or call Ellen Perell at Hatikvah at 413.734.7700.