

New York Education Initiative at The Jewish Education Project Resources for International Holocaust Remembrance Day, January 27th

January 27 is designated by the United Nations General Assembly as International Holocaust Remembrance Day (IHRD). Since 2005, the UN and its member states have held commemoration ceremonies to mark the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and to honor the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and millions of other victims of Nazism. The purpose of IHRD is two-fold: to serve as a date for official commemoration of the victims of the Nazi regime and to promote Holocaust education throughout the world.

General Resources

Books for Holocaust Education

This resource serves as a developing list of books on Holocaust Education.

Resources from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

An overview of the resources and learning opportunities of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Holocaust Resources from Facing History and Ourselves

An overview of the extensive collection of Holocaust resources available from Facing History and Ourselves.

The Holocaust Explained

This website has been created to help learners understand the essential facts of the Holocaust, its causes and its consequences.

For Elementary School

Bear and Fred – A World War II Story

Based on true events and beautifully illustrated, Bear and Fred is the story of a friendship that will last forever—told by Fred's best friend, his beloved teddy bear.

I Never Saw Another Butterfly

This resource features a packet with excerpts from the book from The Holocaust Center of Seattle, and a lesson plan from the Holocaust Museum of Houston.

The Warsaw Ghetto - A Child's Perspective

3 Lesson plans and activities for 4th-6th graders to explore the Warsaw Ghetto and WWII from the perspective of a child.



For Middle School

Jewish Heroes and Heroines on Victory Day

The photos and the stories can be used for a classroom discussion about the larger role of Jewish people in WWII and a jumping-off point for a discussion of US history and Jewish-American soldiers in this context.

The Story of Eva Heyman

Educators can use both to explore this story, as well as discuss themes of memory and commemoration with learners.

The Story of The S.S. St Louis

This original material can be used by educators in a variety of settings to bring to life the story of the ill-fated S.S. St. Louis

For High School

Jewish Life Before the Holocaust

In this lesson, students investigate who the Jews were before they were persecuted in the Holocaust.

Marek Edelman Graphic Novel

An interactive graphic novel about Marek Edelman, one of the leaders of the Warsaw ghetto Uprising.

Timeline of The Holocaust

Designed as a resource for students, this timeline chronicles key dates in the history of the Holocaust from 1933-1945.