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December 1, 2017

**TO:** Interested Educators

**FROM:** Lawrence M. Glaser, Executive Director  
New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education

**RE: 2018 SUMMER SEMINAR**  
**Wednesday – July 18, 2018 to Thursday – August 2, 2018**

**The dates of the 2018 summer seminar are: Wednesday – July 18, 2018 to Thursday – August 2, 2018.**

As a result of a generous contribution from NJEA, the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education is able to coordinate a seminar for educators to the infamous sites of the Holocaust during the summer of 2018.

The total grant will be utilized to provide partial scholarships to NJEA members, however, all others are invited to participate. At this time the estimated cost of the trip will be \$3,650 for NJEA members and \$6,500 for all others who are interested in participating. I would appreciate your sharing this preliminary material with fellow educators and the community.

Thank you for your assistance and your efforts to combat bias, bigotry and intolerance wherever and whenever it exists.

Attachment

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## Mission and Purpose

The core mission of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education is to promote Holocaust education in the state of New Jersey. The mission includes providing assistance and advice to all schools in New Jersey as a means to promote the study of the Holocaust and other genocides.

It is from this mission that the Summer Holocaust Seminar Tours of the Holocaust Sites in Europe originates.

Great teachers do not evolve by chance. They grow by being exposed in-depth to meaningful and documented subject content. This trip to the sites and camps in what were once Nazi-controlled areas of Europe engenders a dynamic among the educators as the experiences of the victims becomes real. Educators come to understand that they didn't merely visit historic places. As they realize what they have learned, they weave their experiences into instructional strategies and plans for their own students and the communities in which they work and live.

Educators head home ready to teach about the Holocaust and other genocides as part of a story that should never have been written, but that is historically accurate.

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## Description of your Post-Seminar Education Plans

Based upon my experiences during the 2018 Summer Holocaust Seminar, as well as any additional reading and research, my plans to teach about the **Holocaust and other genocides** include the following activities/programs for each of the groups below.

Use additional space and pages as needed.

### Students and staff in my school and my school district

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### Members of my local and county associations

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### My community of employment and/or my community of residence

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## Holocaust Education Resources

As a result of your participation in the 2018 Summer Holocaust Seminar, you will be expected to plan and implement educational programs for your school, your school district, your local and county associations, and your community of employment and/or residence. The following resources may assist you in making your plans. You may wish to visit these links prior to answering the questions that follow.

**Transformation and Remembrance:** A 30-minute “Classroom Close-up NJ” film that documents the first portion of the [2014 Summer Holocaust Seminar](#) and how educators used the experience to supplement their classroom lessons on the Holocaust.

**Classroom Close-up NJ:** NJEA’s weekly television program on NJTV has produced nearly two dozen stories featuring Holocaust Education in New Jersey. You can search for them by typing “Holocaust” into the [video library search feature](#) on the show’s website.

**NJ Department of Education Commission on Holocaust Education:** The core mission of the [New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education](#) is to promote Holocaust education in the State of New Jersey.

**NJEA Review:** Rita Williams, a teacher in Plumstead Township, was inspired by Jewish artist Friedl Dicker-Brandeis, who continued to teach art to children during her internment in the concentration camp at Terezín. Willams wrote about how the Summer Holocaust Seminar affected her teaching in the *Review* article “[What’s in Your Suitcase?](#)”

## Post-Seminar Grant Opportunities

NJEA has two grant opportunities that offer funding for your school and community education initiatives. Note grant approval is contingent upon meeting the criteria and standards of the grant programs. Approval of such grants is not guaranteed as a result of participation in the Summer Holocaust Seminar.

**NJEA Frederick L. Hipp Foundation for Excellence in Education:** The [NJEA Frederick L. Hipp Foundation for Excellence in Education](#) makes it possible for public school employees to receive grants that will help them bring creative ideas to life. More than \$2 million for innovative educational projects that represent a bold, fresh approach by public school employees have already been awarded. The annual deadline for grant applications is March 1.

**NJEA PRIDE in Public Education:** NJEA provides [PRIDE in Public Education](#) grants for all kinds of local and county community involvement projects. If you host a Holocaust education program for your community through your local or county association PRIDE chairperson, you may qualify for a PRIDE grant to help fund the event or series of events. The annual deadline for grant applications is Nov. 15.

## **SAMPLE ITINERARY**

### **SUMMER SEMINAR**

**Wednesday – July 18, 2018 to Thursday – August 2, 2018**

**Trip led by Maud Dahme, Child Survivor of the Holocaust**

**BERLIN, GERMANY** — Arrival in Berlin. Clear Customs and meet Tour Escort who will remain with the group until departure from Warsaw. Proceed on a guided panoramic tour of Berlin. Visit Potsdammer Square, Topography of Terror exhibit, Grunwald Train Station, Bayerschen Platz, Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, Friedrichstrasse, Unter Den Linden, Oranlenburger Synagogue, monument to the Christian Wives of Jewish Men, the Humboldt University site of "Book Burning Memorial".

**BERLIN, PRAGUE** — Travel to Wannsee Villa (Site of the "Final Solution" decision), then travel to Prague, the Capital of the Czech Republic.

**PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC** — Tour of Prague with visits to the Royal Castle of Hradcany, St. Vitus Cathedral, across the striking Charles Bridge into the Old Quarter of Prague. Travel to Terezin, to experience the town and fortress of Terezin, which was founded in 1780 and during WWII became the Nazi concentration camp which they called Theresienstadt.

**KRAKOW, POLAND** — The tour will focus on the Jewish sights with visits to the Jewish Ghetto, the Jewish Museum, the Old-New Synagogue (Alt-neu), and the Old Jewish Cemetery and highlights of the city including the Wawel Castle and Cathedral, the Main Market Square and the Kazimierz district. Also visits to the Old Synagogue, the Jewish Museum, Remu Synagogue, the Popper Synagogue, and the Temple Synagogue.

**KRAKOW, POLAND** — Tour Auschwitz/Birkenau for an experience of the concentration camps. Visit the museum in Oswiecim and Wadowicse on the way back to Krakow.

**KRAKOW/LUBLIN/WARSAW** — Depart Krakow and travel via Lublin to Majdanek, the Nazi concentration camp and then continue to Warsaw.

**WARSAW, POLAND** — Visit the Royal Route, Chopin's Monument, Lazenski Park, and the old town. Then an extensive tour of the Treblinka concentration camp.

**WARSAW/AMSTERDAM** — Tour the Warsaw Ghetto, The Ghetto Uprising Memorial, Mila 18, Jewish Historical Institute and Museum, Gesia Cemetery, Nozyk Synagogue, the Jewish State Theater and Umschlag Platz then transfer to Warsaw airport for the departure flight to Amsterdam.

**AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND** —Tour Vugt, a Dutch concentration camp.

**AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND** — Begin today with an early morning walking tour with local guide before breakfast. Tour of Anne Frank's House and the Jewish Historical Museum, the Portuguese Synagogue and the former Jewish Quarter of Amsterdam.

**AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND** — Tour Vierhouten, a hidden village in the woods, and visit Oldebroek and Elburg (some of Maud's hidden sites).

**Yes... I'm Interested!**



**This trip is not fully funded. Participants are expected to pay for a portion of the trip.**

**2018 SUMMER SEMINAR**  
**To the Infamous Sites of the Holocaust**  
**Wednesday - July 18, 2018 to Thursday - August 2, 2018**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female  Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: **(please include an address where you can be reached now and in the summer months)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone #'s: \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (work)

NJEA Member Yes  No

Will you be requesting a single room? Yes  No   
**(Please note that there is an additional charge for a single room)**

**Please Note:**  
This trip will involve substantial walking and not all sites are handicapped accessible.

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