

of the Shoah, the Holocaust, and to "promote the necessary historical and religious studies on this event which concerns the whole of humanity today." The NCCHE has as its primary purpose the broad dissemination of scholarship on the root causes of anti-Semitism, its relation to the Holocaust, and the implications from the Catholic perspective of both for today's world. Toward this end the Center is committed to equipping scholars, especially those at Catholic institutions, to enter into serious discussion on the causes of anti-Semitism and the Holocaust; shaping appropriate curricular responses at Catholic institutions and other educational sites; sustaining Seton Hill's Catholic Institute for Holocaust Studies in Israel through a cooperative program with Yad Vashem, the Isaac Jacob Institute for Religious Law, and Hebrew University; encouraging scholarship and research through conferences, publications, workshops for educators, and similar activities; sponsoring local events on the Holocaust and related topics in the University and the community, and enhancing Catholic-Jewish relations. Please contact the NCCHE by calling 724-830-1033 or sending an e-mail to ncche@setonhill.edu.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

You may register online at alumni.setonhill.edu/ethellefrakholocausteducationconference or by mail using the form in this brochure.

ABOUT OUR BENEFACTOR ETHEL LEFRAK

A graduate and trustee of Barnard College, Ethel LeFrak has been active as a trustee or member of the board of directors for many cultural, philanthropic, educational and medical institutions, including serving as a trustee of the Cardozo Law School, vice president of the Little Orchestra Society, trustee of the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, trustee of the Albert Einstein Medical College, and patron of the Asia Society.

A member of the Metropolitan Opera's "Golden Horseshoe" and "Opera Club," Ethel LeFrak also has been a patron of the Lincoln Center, a conservator of the New York Public Library, a member of the Council of the Salk Institute, and a member of the Board of the United Nations International Hospitality Committee – which was instrumental in having her and her

husband, the late Dr. Samuel J. LeFrak, honored with the United Nations' "Distinguished Citizens of the World" Award in 1994.

Among the many institutions recognizing the philanthropic generosity of the Samuel J. and Ethel LeFrak Foundation are the Guggenheim Museum of the City of New York, Temple Emmanu-El on New York's Fifth Avenue, Queens College, the Smithsonian National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., the Pratt Institute, Barnard College, and the American Museum of Natural History of New York.



Mrs. LeFrak also generously donated a large gift to the Albert Einstein College of Yeshiva University.

With her husband, Dr. Samuel LeFrak, Ethel LeFrak co-authored two books on their family art collection: "Masters of the Modern Tradition" and "A Passion for Art." The LeFrak collection has been hailed by Art & Antiques magazine as being one of America's top 100 collections.

In 1996, Mrs. LeFrak was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, from Seton Hill. In 1998, Marymount Manhattan College also presented her with a Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.

ABOUT THE ETHEL LEFRAK HOLOCAUST EDUCATION CONFERENCE AND STUDENT SCHOLARS OF THE HOLOCAUST FUND

In 2008, noted New York philanthropist Ethel LeFrak made a generous donation to Seton Hill University's National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education (NCCHE) to endow The Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference and create The Ethel LeFrak Student Scholars of the Holocaust Fund. The triennial Holocaust Education Conference of the National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education – now known as **The Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference** – seeks to enhance Catholic-Jewish understanding by "educating the educators" in the hope of reaching the whole of humanity. The Conference equips teachers and faculty members, especially those at Catholic institutions, to enter into serious discussions on the causes of anti-Semitism and the Holocaust, and to write and deliver papers that shape appropriate curricular responses at Catholic institutions and other educational sites. The Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference Endowment Fund supports the appearance at the conference of national and international speakers, sponsors the art, music and film events that accompany the conference, and underwrites the publication of The Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference Proceedings.

The **Ethel LeFrak Student Scholars Fund** provides annual scholarships to support Seton Hill student participation in: the Summer Institute at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Remembrance Authority in Israel; The Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference; the Genocide and Holocaust Studies Program at Seton Hill; and activities relating to international travel, Jewish-Catholic traditions, and readings and research to advance understanding of significant Holocaust issues past and present. In addition, the **Ethel LeFrak Outstanding Student Scholar of the Holocaust Award** in the amount of \$1,000 will be presented annually to the Seton Hill student who writes a reflection paper that best demonstrates a keen and advanced understanding of the lessons of the Holocaust or another specific act of genocide.

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HOLOCAUST EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY:
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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference will feature prominent international scholars and educators addressing the topic of "Holocaust Education in the 21st Century: Religious and Cultural Perspectives." Lectures, workshops, a film screening, and presentations will also explore challenges and opportunities related to interreligious dialogue, the study of recent genocides, and new technologies from a pedagogical perspective.



Keynote speaker for the conference will be **Michael Berenbaum**, director of the Sigi Ziering Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Ethics at American Jewish University. Berenbaum is a writer, lecturer, scholar, professor and consultant for the conceptual development of museums and the development of historical films. "One Survivor Remembers: The Gerda Weissman Klein Story," a film he co-produced, received an Academy Award, an Emmy Award, and a Cable Ace Award, and "The Last Days," a feature-length documentary on which he served as historical consultant, also earned an Academy Award. Berenbaum has served on the President's Commission

on the Holocaust, as both project director and research institute director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and as president and chief executive officer of Steven Spielberg's Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation. Berenbaum is also the author and editor of eighteen books and hundreds of scholarly articles.

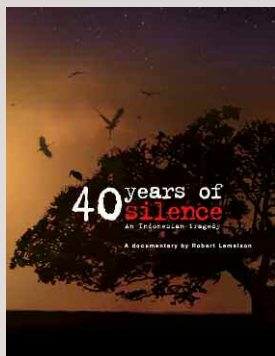
Other featured speakers for the conference include **Victoria Barnett**, author and staff director, Committee on Church Relations, U.S. Holocaust Museum, who will speak on interreligious dialogue; **Eric Weitz**, Distinguished McKnight University Professor of History at the University of Minnesota, who will speak on recent genocides; and, **John T. Pawlikowski, O.S.M.**, professor of social ethics and director of the Catholic-Jewish Studies program at the Catholic Theological Union's Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Center, who will speak on the Catholic Church and human rights.

As a special feature of the conference, the NCCHE, in cooperation with **Yad Vashem's The International School for Holocaust Studies**, is sponsoring the **first ever gathering of Yad Vashem seminar graduates** from across North America to participate in the conference. On one of the days there will be time set aside for discussions and presentations by **Ephraim Kaye**, director of International Seminars for Educators, who will introduce new units and projects. Graduates can expect to connect with staff and each other in a mutually beneficial sharing of pedagogical expertise and materials.

In addition, the **Pennsylvania Holocaust Education Council** will hold its fall meeting in conjunction with the conference and the conference will include presentations by PHEC members.

FILM SCREENING: "40 YEARS OF SILENCE: AN INDOONESIAN TRAGEDY"

Directed by anthropologist **Robert Lemelson**, and edited by two-time Academy Award winner Pietro Scalia, "40 Years of Silence: An Indonesian Tragedy" is a moving feature length documentary film about one of the most horrific chapters in Indonesian history. The film will be screened during the conference, and Lemelson, who has worked in Indonesia every year since 1993, will discuss issues raised through the film with several panelists including Carol Rittner, R.S.M., distinguished professor of Holocaust and genocide studies at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Please visit <http://ncche.setonhill.edu> for conference updates.



PERFORMANCE OF MUSIC SUPPRESSED DURING THE HOLOCAUST

Nancy Rubenstein Messham, artistic director of the Music Reborn Project, Pittsburgh, Pa., which is dedicated to the preservation and performance of Entartete Musik, will produce and direct a unique performance comprised of music suppressed by the Third Reich as well as a segment of music from the camps, most notably Terezin. This concert will feature guest artists performing along with Seton Hill University faculty and students in the university's new performing arts center located in downtown Greensburg, Pa.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Holocaust educators teaching at the college/university and middle and high school levels as well as Yad Vashem seminar graduates from across North America.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Rooms have been reserved at the Four Points by Sheraton Greensburg for attendees of the conference. Our confirmed rate is \$105.00 per room, per night (single or double occupancy), American Buffet Breakfast included. Not included in this rate is Pennsylvania sales tax of 6% and County Hotel Tax of 3%. Rooms are available for check-in on October 24, 2009 and the rate is guaranteed thru October 28, 2009. **For hotel accommodations at this special conference rate, please contact Michael Philopena, Vacation Station Travel by telephone: 800-843-9185, or by e-mail: michael@vacation-station.net.** All reservations must be made by **October 3, 2009.**

TRANSPORTATION

Vacation Station Travel is available to assist participants with travel arrangements. Air flights can be arranged into Greater Pittsburgh International Airport, approximately 90 minutes away. For those flying into Greater

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Mass
 11:00 a.m. – Noon Lunch
 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Registration
 12:30 p.m. – 1:10 p.m. Welcome and Tribute to Ethel LeFrak
 1:20 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
 4:00-5:15 p.m. Plenary Session—Music Reborn Project Performance directed by Nancy Rubenstein Messham
 5:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Reception and Dinner
 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Plenary Session—Keynote Speaker Dr. Michael Berenbaum, "The Memory of the Holocaust: Challenges to 21st Century Christians and Jews"

5:20 p.m. – 6:50 p.m. Reception and Dinner
 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Plenary Session—Film Screening, "40 Years of Silence: An Indonesian Tragedy"
 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Plenary Session—Film Discussion with Filmmaker Robert Lemelson and Panelists including Carol Rittner, O.S.M.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. Welcome and Announcements
 9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. Plenary Session—Featured Speaker Rev. John T. Pawlikowski, "The Catholic Church and Human Rights"
 10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
 12:40 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. Lunch
 1:50 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. Plenary Session—Featured Speaker Victoria Barnett, "Interreligious Dialogue since the Holocaust: Turning Points and Next Steps"
 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
 4:10 p.m. – 5:10 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. Welcome and Announcements
 9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. Plenary Session—Featured Speaker Eric Weitz, "Holocaust and Genocide: What's In a Name?"
 10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Plenary Session—Featured Speakers Ephraim Kaye and Shulamit Imber, "The Significance of Holocaust Education for the 21st Century"
 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Plenary Session —Featured Speaker Ephraim Kaye, New Technologies
 12:40 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. Lunch
 1:50 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. Plenary Session—Presentation of The Ethel LeFrak Outstanding Student of the Holocaust Award and Discussion—We Give You the Last Word
 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Special Intensive Session: Ephraim Kaye, "Introducing Yad Vashem's New Resources for Winter and Summer Institute Graduates"

Pittsburgh International Airport, shuttle service will be arranged subject to arrival/departure times. Please provide Vacation Station Travel with your arrival/departure times if reserving your own airline tickets. Shuttle service will be coordinated for the convenience of all attendees. *Note: There will be a charge for these services.* **For transportation assistance, please contact Michael Philopena, Vacation Station Travel by telephone: 800-843-9185, or by e-mail: michael@vacation-station.net.**

ONLINE COURSE: NEW DIRECTIONS IN HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Seton Hill University, in conjunction with the conference, is offering a special online course, **Special Topics: New Directions in Holocaust Education**, as part of its Genocide and Holocaust Studies program. Course participants will attend the conference and study the works of the keynote and featured speakers. The course runs for eight weeks, October 17 - December 12, 2009. Participants will learn more about new thinking on the Holocaust, including its relationship to other genocides and its impact on interfaith dialogue. For further information contact Dr. James Paharik by e-mail: jpaharik@setonhill.edu or by telephone: 724-830-1073. *Pa. teachers take note, this course is Act 48 approved.*

ABOUT SETON HILL UNIVERSITY'S NATIONAL CATHOLIC CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

The National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education (NCCHE) was established on the campus of Seton Hill University in 1987. Seton Hill initiated this national Catholic movement toward Holocaust studies in response to the urging of Pope John Paul II to recognize the significance

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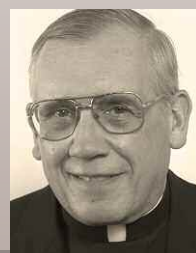
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