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**Tennessee Holocaust Commission Announces 2011 Middle Tennessee
Educator Outreach Program**

Nashville, TN- The Tennessee Holocaust Commission (THC) announces that The 2011 Irvin and Elizabeth Limor Middle Tennessee Educational Outreach Program will take place on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. at the Student Life Center on the Vanderbilt University Campus.

The theme for this year's program, *The Power of Responsibility in the Holocaust and the Age of Genocide*, will highlight the *Teaching History Matters Project*, the work of a United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Teaching Fellow. This USHMM Fellow, along with his students, began studying information about a "Death Train" that was liberated at Farsleben, Germany which is near Magdeburg. The class posted an online journal in attempt to reconnect this train transport of 2,500 Holocaust survivors with the American soldiers who liberated them on April 13, 1945. To date over 200 survivors and liberators from this train have been located and reunited. Christina Chavarria, National Outreach Coordinator at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, will provide an overview of the *Teaching History Matters Project* and will introduce educators to opportunities available for future growth through the museum.

Featured speakers at the conference this year will include:

Frank Towers-A liberator of the "Death Train" in Farsleben, Germany
George Somjen-A survivor of the "Death Train" in Farsleben, Germany
Christina Chavarria- National Outreach Coordinator at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
Paul Fleming-Principal of Hume-Fogg High School and co-author of *The Holocaust and Other Genocides*

These speakers will be joined by a group of Tennessee educators as well as a panel of local survivors and liberators during the program. This annual one-day conference is specifically designed for middle and high school teachers to provide them with additional knowledge and

resources about Holocaust education. Educators are encouraged to identify four students to accompany them to the all day workshop for hands-on activities and interaction with survivors and educators in the field of Holocaust studies.

The program is open to all middle and high school teachers preferably with some experience in teaching the Holocaust. Interested community members are also welcome. There is no cost to attend the conference. Registration is required and space is limited. The fee to purchase a parking pass is \$10.00. To register or for more information please contact Danielle Kahane-Kaminsky at 615-343-1171 or email Danielle.kahane-kaminsky@vanderbilt.edu.

We hope to see you there!

For more information visit the event homepage:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=4yuorrcab&oeidk=a07e4kv0slmcd99abf8>