Thanks to you, the Holocaust Center continues to grow...

Quick Statistics

LIGHT Programs:
65 programs reached 6,104 individuals across the LIGHT network. The LIGHT Network consists of 15 schools across 5 counties in Southwestern PA.

CHUTZ-POW!:
In partnership with organizations across the globe, 10 community programs focused on the CHUTZ-POW! Project reached 1,000 individuals.

Public Events:
The Holocaust Center hosted or participated in 35 public-facing events reaching 4,355 audience members across the globe. Since the start of the pandemic, we have hosted or participated in 116 events reaching 68,311 individuals.

Generations Speakers:
The Holocaust Center has organized 31 group presentations with our Generations speakers, reaching 3,335 individuals in 7 counties across Pennsylvania, as well as audiences in the Pacific Northwest, Israel, and Poland.

Butterfly Project:
Through our annual Butterfly Project Grants program, we were able to subsidize the cost of 30 Butterfly Project painting kits for 875 students at 12 schools in 4 counties in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Funding for Butterfly Project Grants comes from The Lipsman Family Endowment Fund in memory of Charles and Hilda Lipsman.

Additional Education Outreach:
The Holocaust Center has hosted or participated in 14 additional education outreach programs reaching 1,018 individuals.

In sum, our more than 160 educational offerings have reached nearly 17,000 individuals in the 2021-2022 programming year.
July 21

Marcel Walker, CHUTZ-POW! Project Coordinator, was invited to speak virtually at the National Library of Israel, introducing an international audience to the CHUTZ-POW! Project.

AUG 21

We officially moved out of our space in Greenfield, marking our return to the Squirrel Hill neighborhood. We have established a new academic home at Chatham University and have been preparing a new exhibit in Chatham’s Jennie King Mellon Library, opening at the end of Summer 2022.
AUG - OCT 21

We published a series of 11 LIGHT student-led interviews with local survivors and Generations members on our YouTube channel. The interview series was conducted in honor of our 2021 Yom HaShoah program. As of June 2022, our YouTube channel hosts a catalog of 117 educational videos, featuring interviews, event recordings, and Holocaust testimony.

NOV 21

Marcel Walker spoke about CHUTZ-POW! at the ADL’S “Never is Now” conference. The conference featured internationally prominent experts and leaders speaking on the topic of taking action against antisemitism and hate, and highlighted CHUTZ-POW! as a powerful tool in this fight.

APRIL 22

We conducted our third virtual Yom HaShoah program, and the second featuring LIGHT student-led interviews. This year, students from four schools interviewed local liberators and their families; portions of the interviews were featured during Yom HaShoah, and the interviews in their entirety are set to premiere on the Center’s YouTube channel this summer. In partnership with Prime Stage Theatre, we produced the original play The White Rose to mark Genocide Awareness Month. The play, along with virtual events and educational resources developed by the Center, was shared with students and general audiences in 5 countries. The play and its materials are currently being packaged and developed for ongoing educational use.
MAY 22

The first design plans for the reimagined Tree of Life were shared nationally, along with the announcement that the Holocaust Center would be integrated into the newly forming organization.

We hosted our first fully in-person program in over two years, premiering the 360-VR film By the Waters of Babylon at the Buhl Planetarium of the Carnegie Science Center. By the Waters of Babylon takes viewers on an immersive journey into the world of composers silenced by the Holocaust, and a contemporary string quartet’s mission to bring this music to a wider audience.

SPRING 22

The Waldman International Arts and Writing Competition received 200 entries from students in 3 countries (US, Poland, and Israel). Winners were announced and celebrated in May 2022 alongside our 2021-2022 Holocaust Educator of the Year Daniel Shaner.

MAY/JUNE 22

Artwork from CHUTZ-POW! Volume III was displayed in Mayor Ed Gainey’s office in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month.
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