

## Teachers' Workshop Will Focus on Return to Life after the Holocaust

MAHWAH, NJ – The Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies will be hosting an *Echoes and Reflections* training program for middle and high school teachers in cooperation with the Anti-Defamation League and the New Jersey State Commission on Holocaust Education. The workshop will be held at the Ramapo College Trustees Pavilion (PAV1&2) on May 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no charge to attend.

“We chose *Echoes and Reflections* because it prepares teachers to teach the complex history of the Holocaust in a way that stimulates engagement, critical thinking and personal understanding among students,” said Dr. Michael A. Riff, the director of the Gross Center.

“The fact is that students face a complex world and struggle with issues such as exclusion, prejudice, and intolerance just to name a few,” Riff said. “We believe *Echoes and Reflections* offers a flexible, well-developed, interactive program that enables teachers to help their students see their worlds through the lens of history.”

Teachers attending the program will receive professional development training, a Teacher’s Resource Guide, access to an extensive array of visual history testimonies, and extensive use of supplementary multimedia resources and supportive tools from the expansive *Echoes and Reflections* website.

Focusing on the postwar “return to life,” the day’s program will examine the political, legal, social and emotional status of the Jewish survivors through primary sources and visual history testimony from Holocaust survivors and liberators. Included will be an interactive session with a Holocaust survivor who will provide a first-hand account of her life after liberation.

Educators wishing to attend the workshop may register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/echoes-and-reflections-teachers-workshop-tickets-15757404822>

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*Echoes and Reflections* is a joint program of the Anti-Defamation League, USC Shoah Foundation and Yad Vashem.