

## 2014 Calendar of Holocaust Remembrance Events

The 2014 observance of the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust is centred around the theme “Journeys through the Holocaust”. This theme recalls the various journeys taken during this dark period, from deportation to incarceration to freedom, and how this experience transformed the lives of those who endured it. These are stories of pain and suffering, yet ultimately also of triumph and renewal, serving as a guiding force for future generations.

### The Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme & US Holocaust Memorial Museum Announce New Partnership

The Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme is partnering with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to make a new film resource and educational package available to educators around the world in all United Nations official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.

The film, *The Path to Nazi Genocide*, was produced by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and subtitled by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme. Together with an article and timeline on the Holocaust, the DVD will be distributed to the global network of United Nations Information Centres and teachers to assist them in introducing the Holocaust to students.

Using rare footage, the film examines the Nazis’ rise and consolidation of power in Germany and explores their ideology, propaganda, and persecution of Jews and other victims. It also outlines the path by which the Nazis and their collaborators led a state to war and to the murder of millions of people. By providing a concise overview of the Holocaust and those involved, this resource is intended to provoke reflection and discussion about the role of ordinary people, institutions and nations between 1918 and 1945.



To stream the DVD in the classroom in English and obtain additional educational resources, please visit [www.ushmm.org](http://www.ushmm.org). Educators may request a copy of the DVD with subtitles by writing to [holocaustremembrance@un.org](mailto:holocaustremembrance@un.org).

The film is intended for adult viewers, but selected segments may be appropriate for younger audience.

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**Thursday, 23 January 2014**

**NGO Briefing**

**“The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Deportation of the Hungarian Jews during the Holocaust”**

**Conference Room 2 (Conference Building)**

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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In this briefing, the participants will learn how the German Security Police worked with Hungarian authorities to systematically deport Jews from Hungary in May of 1944. In less than two months, almost 440,000 Jews were deported. Most were sent to the Auschwitz-Birkenau, German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp (1940-1945), but some were sent to the Hungarian border with Austria where they were forced to build fortification trenches. Speakers will include Dr. Carol Rittner RSM, Distinguished Professor of Holocaust & Genocide Studies, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey; Mrs. Annette Lantos, Chairman of the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice and Hungarian Holocaust Survivor; and H.E. Mr. Csaba Körösi, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations. Dr. Rittner will provide the historical background, Mrs. Lantos will share her personal story of survival and Ambassador Csaba Körösi will provide information on how Hungary is commemorating this important anniversary. The briefing is open to all. Non-United Nations Grounds Pass holders must register.

**Exhibit Opening (registration required to attend opening)**

**“A Remembrance of the Holocaust in Hungary: 70th Anniversary Exhibition”**

**First Floor (Conference Building)**

**6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

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This exhibition presents a historical account of the Holocaust in Hungary in observance of the 70th anniversary of the deportation and extermination of the Hungarian Jews. Partners include: the Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations, Tom Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice; the Hungarian American Coalition; the Hungary Initiatives Foundation and the Carl Lutz Foundation. The exhibition will be available for viewing through 31 January 2014.



**Monday, 27 January 2014**

## **Holocaust Memorial Ceremony**

**General Assembly Hall (North Lawn Building)**

**11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Contact: [holocaustremembrance@un.org](mailto:holocaustremembrance@un.org)**

Hosted by the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, this solemn ceremony is centred around the theme "Journeys through the Holocaust" and will feature a message from the United Nations Secretary-General and remarks by the President of the 68th Session of the General Assembly; Ambassador Ron Prosor, Israeli Permanent Representative to the United Nations; Ambassador Samantha Power, United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Holocaust survivor Rena Finder. Filmmaker Steven Spielberg will deliver the keynote address. This year will mark the 20th anniversary of the USC Shoah Foundation Institute, which was founded by Mr. Spielberg following the filming of Schindler's list. The USC Shoah Foundation Institute is a long-standing partner of the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme. Cantor Shmuel Barzilai of Vienna will recite the memorial prayers between musical interludes by the 92nd Street Y's Woodwind Quintet.



The Holocaust memorial ceremony is open to all but registration is required. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. When the GA Hall is full, guests will be seated in an overflow room with a monitor to view the ceremony.

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## **Panel Discussion "The Rescue of Jews in Albania"**

**Venue: Conference Room 3 (Conference Building)**

**Time: 1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.**

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In extraordinary contrast with much of the rest of Europe, Albania -- a Muslim-majority nation occupied by Nazi Germany in 1943 and 1944 -- proved a place of refuge for virtually its entire Jewish population and others who sought haven there. In all, some 2,000 Jews were rescued from the Nazi genocide in this small country. This program will explore the circumstances and values that led Albanians to bravely save the lives of the innocent during the Holocaust. The event is organized by B'nai B'rith International and the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations.



Photo: Lime Balla, photographer Norman Gershman. From the exhibition "Besa: A Code of Honor. Muslim Albanians who Rescued Jews during the Holocaust".

**Tuesday, 28 January 2014**

**Exhibit Opening** (by invitation only)

**“When You Listen to a Witness, You Become a Witness”**

**Dag Hammarskjold Library (First Basement)**

**6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Contact: [elir@bell.net](mailto:elir@bell.net)**

Produced by the March of the Living International, this exhibition documents the experiences of students while visiting the former Nazi concentration camps established in German-occupied Poland during the Second World War. Through photographs, personal stories and interactions with Holocaust survivors, viewers will learn about the horrors of the Holocaust and the lessons to be passed on to future generations. The exhibition will be available for viewing through February 2014.



**Wednesday, 29 January 2014**

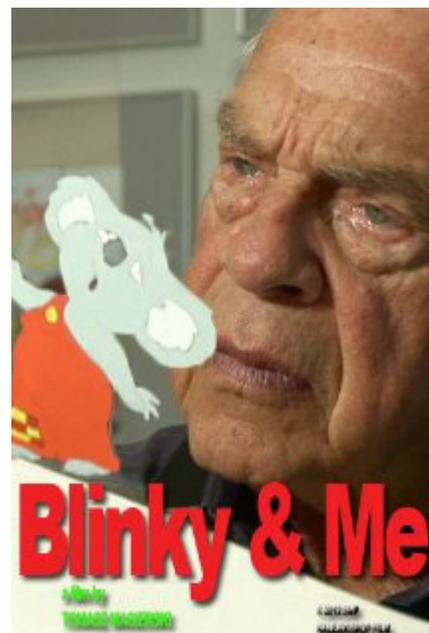
**Film Screening and Discussion “Blinky and Me”**

**Conference Room 2 (Conference Building)**

**6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Contact: [holocaustremembrance@un.org](mailto:holocaustremembrance@un.org)**

This documentary film tells the life story of Yoram Gross, a Holocaust survivor and iconic Australian animator. Through discussions with his five grandchildren, Gross recounts his family’s experience in hiding and narrow escapes from the Nazis in Poland. The film follows the artist through his childhood there, to Israel and finally Australia where he settled with his wife to raise a family. His early work as an animator eventually led to the creation of the animated popular television series “The Adventures of Blinky Bill”, adapted from the children’s books by Dorothy Wall. In Mr. Gross’ animated series, many of Blinky’s encounters are based on Yoram’s own childhood experiences while running from the Nazis. This heart-warming film leads viewers to reflect on the human tragedy of the Holocaust, and the unrealized potential of those that were lost. H.E. Ms. Philippa Jane King, Deputy Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations and Under-Secretary-General Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal will open the film. A discussion with filmmaker Tomasz Magierski and Yoram Gross will follow the screening. The film screening is open to all.



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