

# Indianapolis Jewish Community Holocaust Educational Resources: *Remembering the Past to Educate the Future*

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*In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the commitment to keeping students and speakers safe, the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI) will only be offering virtual presentations for the 2020-21 school year.*



## **Holocaust Speakers Bureau**

Members of the JFGI Speakers Bureau tell the personal stories of their families' experiences during the Holocaust. This allows students to understand that the Holocaust is not a stagnant point in history, with the faces of the unknown staring at them from a textbook. The Holocaust is, in fact, an event that touched the lives of those living in their community and continues to reverberate through the generations. There is a virtual live or pre-recorded presentation option with an additional optional live Q&A session to supplement the pre-recorded.

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## **Holocaust and Genocide Education Resources Webpage**

JFGI has compiled carefully chosen video resources and resource links related to the Holocaust, contemporary genocides, and current human rights issues for educators and students on a website, located at [www.jewishindianapolis.org/holocaust-education/resources](http://www.jewishindianapolis.org/holocaust-education/resources).

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## **Holocaust and Genocide Educational Presentations**

JFGI offers several presentations that provide a well-rounded view of the impact of the Holocaust on the modern world. Presentations are also provided on genocides other than the Holocaust, which allows students to understand that genocide is still a pressing issue today. These presentations are available as a virtual live presentation only.



## Professional Development

The Jewish Federation hosts several professional development opportunities for educators each year. These workshops are crafted alongside internationally recognized education organizations and focus on a myriad of topics using the lens of the Holocaust to connect its lessons to human rights issues the global community experiences today.

### ADL Workshop

JCRC staff has been trained by the Anti-Defamation League to facilitate their successful Words to Action: Empowering Students to Address Antisemitism. This program is an interactive education program for middle, high school and college students designed to empower and equip them with constructive and effective responses to combat antisemitism and anti-Israel bias, including:

- Stereotypes and prejudice
- Vandalism
- Harassment
- Hate speech
- Anti-Israel incidents

Contact Marla Topiol at [mtopiol@indyjrcr.org](mailto:mtopiol@indyjrcr.org) for more information.

### Jewish Community Library

JFGI offers access to further resources related to Judaism and the Holocaust at the Jewish Community Library, which is a member of the Indianapolis Public Library Shared System. More information can be found at [www.jewishindianapolis.org/library](http://www.jewishindianapolis.org/library).

### Student to Student

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) provides an opportunity for high school students to speak with local Jewish teens and allows them to put a “human face” on Judaism – the best antidote to bigotry and intolerance. The presentation is very informal and classroom students are encouraged to ask anything they have always wanted to know about Judaism or Jewish life. Contact Marla Topiol at [mtopiol@indyjrcr.org](mailto:mtopiol@indyjrcr.org) for more information.



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