

IAJF Supports Conference Honoring Holocaust Survivors, Liberators, Righteous Among Nations (HMTC) and their Descendants

The Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County (HMTC), located in Glen Cove, New York, is the pre-eminent Holocaust resource on Long Island with a world-class museum and one of the largest and most comprehensive tolerance education programs in our region. Students, teachers, and law enforcement personnel benefit from the broad array of educational programming offered by HMTC. The lessons of the Holocaust provide the foundation for all its programs. The HMTC provides programs, learning materials, and museum tours to the general public about the Holocaust. For those who are unable to personally visit the Center, HMTC offers the unique opportunity to view its programs through videoconferencing. HMTC is one of only three centers outside of Washington, DC authorized to offer Lessons of the Holocaust: Law Enforcement and Society, a unique program co-founded with the Anti-Defamation League specifically created for law enforcement personnel.

IAJF supported the HMTC's day-long Generations conference that took place at Hofstra University in June 2014. Over 700 people including Holocaust survivors, World War II veterans, their descendants, educators and the general public participated in this program. The event included 22 workshops concerning the Holocaust such as; Persecution, Liberators, Sephardic Jews, Rescue, and Partisans. The featured speakers were Maj. General (ret.) Sidney Shachnow, former Commander of the United States Special Forces who holds the distinction of being the only Holocaust Survivor to attain the rank of General in the U.S. military and Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger, son of an officer in the German Army during the Nazi era, who is a convert to Judaism.

