

The Upstander

DALLAS HOLOCAUST
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for EDUCATION and TOLERANCE

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**From Mary Pat Higgins,
President and CEO**

Dear Members, Supporters and Friends
of the Museum,

Recently, as the U.S. Supreme Court
prepared to rule same sex marriage

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protected by the Constitution, a prominent Dallas pastor equated the quest for marriage equality to a Holocaust on Christian values. We have heard the families of nine slain church members forgive the murderer who hated them, while debate ensued about removing the Confederate flag from prominent display at government buildings. We have applauded mayors of several major U.S. cities who called on mayors across the nation to ask their European counterparts to condemn anti-Semitism. Our work to teach the moral and ethical response to hatred, prejudice and indifference is more important than ever.

MORE

"Rwanda will never ever leave me."

Retired lieutenant-general, Romeo Dallaire,

Shake Hands with the Devil: The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda.

After witnessing the inhumanity of the bloody civil war that killed hundreds of thousands of people in 1994, the retired lieutenant-general, Romeo Dallaire, tried to commit suicide four times before emerging from the darkness of depression.



Read about Dallaire's memoir.

Ask a Holocaust Survivor:

What do you think of the use of Holocaust comparisons in modern politics and general discourse?

"Iran is a threat, but can we say that it will make a second Auschwitz?"

I don't compare anything to the Holocaust...only Auschwitz, was Auschwitz."

First Responders Open House

CURRENT SPECIAL EXHIBIT



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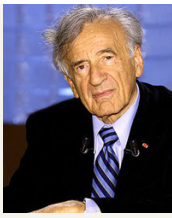
UPCOMING FILM SCREENING

The German Concentration Camps Factual Survey

Mon., Aug. 3rd, 7 p.m., Cinemark Theatre, (Cinemark 17 and IMAX) 11819 Webb Chapel Rd, Dallas, TX

The German Concentration Camps Factual Survey was filmed at 14 sites in 1945, and was meant to be an official documentary of Nazi atrocities.

However, the film was shelved for decades amid fears that it was too politically sensitive until it was reassembled by experts at the Imperial War Museum (IWM).



Elie Wiesel

Per the *Times of Isreal*, "Elie Wiesel rejected all Holocaust comparisons in modern politics. In an April 19, 2012 article *Times of Israel* article, asked about Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's frequent allusions to the Holocaust when talking about Iran, Wiesel responded with the comment above. "



Max Glauken

"Before comparing anything to the Holocaust, a person should consider what it would be like to lose your entire family, your home and all you possessions, to be forced into deplorable conditions within a slave labor camp or a ghetto, to be hungry and cold with no hope of relief. Then multiply that by 11 million."



Paul Kessler

"What concerns me is when you hear the Holocaust mentioned in reference to events that have virtually no connection to, or magnitude to what happened during WWII.

The word Holocaust should not be used to vent grievances or to describe events that are simply not comparable." [MORE](#)

Additional articles on the growing use of Holocaust comparisons in political discourse.

<http://thinkprogress.org/security/2012/04/19/467253/elie-wiesel-holocaust-iran/>

<http://ohpi.org.au/antisemitism-israel-nazi/>

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2015/06/12/so-another-politician-made-a-nazi-comparison-on-the-house-floor-today/>



There is no charge to attend. However, seats are limited. Please rsvp to rsvp@DallasHolocaustMuseum.org

This screening is generously sponsored by Humanities of Texas, Cinemark and Academic Partnerships, and Community Partners, 3 Stars Jewish Cinema, and the Video Association of Dallas.

UPSTANDER SPEAKERS SERIES

Ret. Lieutenant General Roméo Dallaire

October 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
SMU. Location at SMU TBD.

Free for Museum members, \$10 general admission, VIP free for Circle of Remembrance, \$25 VIP for members, and \$40 VIP for public.

VIP includes VIP reception with Romeo Dallaire. Ticket link will be live in September. [more](#)



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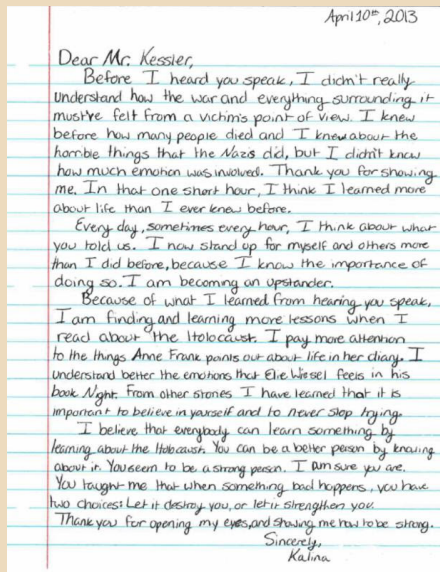
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VOICES FOR CHANGE

A student's letter to Paul Kessler, Museum Speaker and Holocaust Survivor.



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as hatred and fear grow strong around you?**

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