

# Save the Dates!

## The Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference October 25, 26, and 27, 2009

### *Holocaust Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Religious and Cultural Perspectives*

- *Challenges and opportunities related to interreligious dialogue*
- *Challenges and opportunities related to the study of recent genocides*
- *Challenges and opportunities related to new technologies*

**W**e invite Holocaust Educators at the middle/high school and college/university levels to attend the National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education's 8<sup>th</sup> conference, now known as **The Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference**. Since the conference focuses on Holocaust education, emphasis will be on interactive and workshop-style presentations featuring pedagogical tools and techniques.

Our keynote speaker is **Michael Berenbaum**, director of the Sigi Ziering Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Ethics at American Jewish University. Berenbaum is a writer, lecturer, scholar, professor and consultant for the conceptual development of museums and the development of historical films. "One Survivor Remembers: The Gerda Weissman Klein Story," a film he co-produced, received an Academy Award, an Emmy Award, and a Cable Ace Award, and "The Last Days," a feature-length documentary on which he served as historical consultant, also earned an Academy Award. Berenbaum has served on the President's Commission on the Holocaust, as both project director and Research Institute director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and as president and chief executive officer of Stephen Spielberg's Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation. Berenbaum is also the author and editor of eighteen books and hundreds of scholarly articles.

Our featured speakers include **Victoria Barnett**, author and staff director, Committee on Church Relations, U.S. Holocaust Museum, who will speak on interreligious dialogue; **Eric Weitz**, author, historian and visiting professor at Princeton University, who will speak on recent genocides; and **John T. Pawlikowski, O.S.M.**, professor of social ethics and director of the Catholic-Jewish Studies program at the Catholic Theological Union's Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Center, who will speak on the Catholic Church and human rights. As an added feature of the conference, **Yad Vashem's International School for Holocaust Studies** will provide special sessions featuring scholars and experts from Israel.

**The conference will provide an opportunity for Holocaust educators to share wisdom, insights and methods accrued during teaching. We hope you will plan to attend the conference!**



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*The triennial Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference seeks to enhance Catholic-Jewish understanding by "educating the educators" in the hope of reaching the whole of humanity. The Conference will equip teachers and faculty members, especially those at Catholic institutions to enter into serious discussions on the causes of antisemitism and the Holocaust and to write and deliver papers that will shape appropriate curricular responses at Catholic institutions and other educational sites.*