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Building Resilience Through Holocaust & Genocide Education

**INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE FOR
MUSEUM EDUCATORS**

**CAPE TOWN HOLOCAUST &
GENOCIDE CENTRE, CAPE TOWN,
SOUTH AFRICA**

AUGUST 4-9, 2024

In 2024 South Africa will commemorate the 30th anniversaries of two pivotal events. In 1994, the apartheid government's collapse marked the birth of a new democratic country. Simultaneously, in the fellow African nation Rwanda, the mass killing of Tutsi began, resulting in over 800,000 deaths within a harrowing 100-day period. Five years later, in 1999, the Cape Town Holocaust & Genocide Centre was established to honour the victims of the Holocaust and other genocides preceding and following it.

Against the backdrop of these significant anniversaries, the Cape Town Holocaust & Genocide Centre is organising a conference for museum educators. The purpose is to discuss the evolution of Holocaust and Genocide education, share expertise, and collaboratively devise new tools and solutions tailored to the challenges of the modern world.

It is crucial that we can recognise the changing realities, particularly the imminent departure of the last Holocaust survivors and the arrival of new generations carrying their own traumas, whether of genocide in Rwanda, Apartheid, the wars in Israel and Ukraine, or perhaps related to a palpable sense of fear associated with being an immigrant or a member of a religious or sexual minority, in an increasingly hostile, homophobic, antisemitic and xenophobic world.

Holocaust and Genocide museums worldwide have a vital role in this context — deconstructing myths and processes that led to past acts of persecution and mass violence, while fostering resilience and instilling a sense of responsibility for the future.

When: August 4-9, 2024

Where: Holocaust & Genocide Centre, 88 Hatfield St,
Cape Town, South Africa

For whom: Museum educators, educators (limited number
or seats)

What will be provided: Accommodation in double rooms,
kosher/vegetarian meals, tickets, and admissions on the
ground.

What will not be provided: Airfare tickets, any costs
associated with necessary visas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Conference will be organised in cooperation
with: **Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide
Centre, Durban Holocaust & Genocide
Centre, Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies,
Yahad-In Unum**

ABOUT THE CAPE TOWN HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE CENTRE

The Cape Town Holocaust & Genocide Centre is a Non-Governmental Organisation dedicated to fostering a more compassionate and just society where human rights and diversity are esteemed. To achieve its mission the Centre engages in a multifaceted approach which includes a wide range of programming taking place at the Centre as well as across South-Africa and online.

Through impactful exhibitions, events, and workshops, the Centre commemorates the victims and survivors of

the Nazi regime and various genocides preceding and following the Holocaust. The aim is to underscore the repercussions of prejudice and racism in all forms and draw attention to the perils of indifference, apathy, and silence.

Established in 1999, it was the first Holocaust Centre in Africa, driven by the steadfast commitment to provide free Holocaust and genocide education. A primary objective from the outset was to extend this educational outreach to underprivileged communities locally and nationally and to individuals who might not have the financial means to visit.

It was the Centre's diligent efforts that, in 2007, led to the inclusion of Holocaust studies in the curriculum of all South African schools, making the study of the Holocaust mandatory for the students in grade 9 (14-15 years old). The Cape Town Holocaust & Genocide Centre is part of the South African Holocaust & Genocide Foundation (SAHGF), together with our fellow Holocaust and genocide centres in Johannesburg and Durban.

ABOUT CAPE TOWN

Cape Town, situated at the southern tip of Africa, seamlessly weaves together natural beauty and rich history. The city, framed by the iconic Table Mountain and pristine beaches, offers breathtaking landscapes. Amidst this backdrop, historical landmarks like Robben Island and the colourful Bo-Kaap neighbourhood tell the story of South Africa's journey. Notably, Cape Town is also a home to Sub-Saharan Africa's first Jewish community, established in 1841. Today, it proudly stands as a diverse and resilient community, second largest in the country.