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Jewish Community Educational Resources in Greater Washington

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater Washington is the government and community affairs arm for more than 100 Jewish agencies in our region. In addition to our own resources for educators and public schools, JCRC can serve as your gateway to the following institutions, each of which serve the Greater Washington community with non-sectarian services open to individuals of all religious backgrounds, races or ethnicities. Please contact us or any of the below agencies directly if we can help:

Anti Defamation League's A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® Institute

The A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® Institute is a leading provider of anti-bias and diversity training and resources. At the heart of the Institute is the A CLASSROOM OF DIFFERENCE™ program, developed to address diversity and bullying issues in the preschool through 12th grade school communities. Since its inception in 1985, the Program has trained more than 440,000 teachers nationwide—reaching about 39 million students—and its programs have been implemented in 16 countries. Programs include practical, on-site experiential workshops for support staff, administrators, caregivers, students and family members, and are designed to meet the specific needs of students, faculty, parents, support staff, and administration in the school environment. Through A CLASSROOM OF DIFFERENCE™ Program, schools may receive: Teacher Training; Peer Training, where students learn how to work with their peers to distinguish between personal freedom and discriminatory behavior and develop leadership skills; workshops to interrupt bullying, name-calling, and cyberbullying; Youth and Family Services through after-school programs that involve parents and families. Free age-appropriate lesson plans and resources are also available through ADL's on-line Curriculum Connections and its Autobiography of Recommended Multicultural and Anti-Bias Books.

<http://www.adl.org/education> / **ADL Washington Office directly at 202-452-8310.**

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JCRC works closely with public schools: advocating at the federal, state and local levels for public school funding; providing "Guidelines on Religion in Public Schools" and holiday calendar listings to help schools avoid scheduling conflicts; hosting symposia for educators on Jewish Life that earn teachers professional development; maintaining a regional Holocaust survivors speakers bureau; supporting curriculum and textbook reviews on Jewish themed topics; and serving as a gateway to other Jewish human service and educational resources in our community. www.jcouncil.org/publications 703-893-4007 / dlinick@jcouncil.org

Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning (PJLL)

PJLL is a catalyst for innovation and transformation in Jewish education and identity building experiences in the Greater Washington area. The Shulamith Reich Elster Resource Center offers full reference services to the general community, with an extensive library of items that give expression to the art, history, culture, and religion of the Jewish people. Michelle Halber (mhalber@pjll.org) and Jackie Land (jland@pjll.org) will help enrich your school's programs on Israel, holocaust, and Jewish holidays. www.pjll.org / 240-283-6200

Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA)

For more than 100 years, JSSA has been helping people across the Washington metropolitan area meet emotional, social and physical challenges. A nonsectarian provider, JSSA serves people more than 15,000 people each year of all religious backgrounds, races and ethnicities, helping the youngest child to the most fragile senior, from individuals to entire families. JSSA's Northern Virginia team of mental health professionals provide specialized, high quality child, teen and family services that include evaluation and treatment of psychological, developmental, academic or mental challenges. JSSA's services and programs help infants, toddlers, pre-schoolers, school-age children, teens, parents and entire families cope with a wide range of issues including developmental delays, social skills and relationship building, marital, parenting and adoption issues, learning disabilities, ADHD and other attention and impulse disorders, autism spectrum disorders, depression and anxiety. JSSA's team works closely with local schools by providing consultation, workshops and anti-bullying programs. www.jssa.org / info@jssa.org / 301-838-4200 or 703-204-9100

Holocaust-Specific Education Resources

Echoes and Reflections: A Multimedia Curriculum on the Holocaust

Echoes and Reflections: A Multimedia Curriculum on the Holocaust is a joint project of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Yad Vashem, and the USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education. Constructed as a three-part multimedia curriculum, *Echoes and Reflections* offers compelling video testimonies from Holocaust survivors, rescuers, and liberators; ten adaptable lesson plans; and interactive online resources to implement and enhance any comprehensive Holocaust education program. Awarded the 2007 National Media Award by the National Association for Multicultural Education, *Echoes and Reflections* provides educators materials to effectively address the atrocities of the Holocaust and make connections to cultural diversity, intolerance, prejudice, and genocide in historical and contemporary contexts. Due to the support of a generous grant, the ADL is offering its expertise as a leading provider of Holocaust education and anti-bias and diversity training by making available training workshops on this curriculum at little or no costs to educators. The goals of these 3 to 6 hour on-site workshops are to provide participants with an introduction to the pedagogy of Holocaust education, offer background on the use of and value of visual history testimony, and familiarize participants with the content and application of *Echoes and Reflections* through experiential activities.

www.echoesandreflections.org, or contact ADL's Regional Office at 202-452-8310.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum stimulates leaders and citizens to confront hatred, prevent genocide, promote human dignity, and strengthen democracy. In addition to its leadership training programs, the Museum sponsors on-site and traveling exhibitions, educational outreach, Web site, campus outreach and Holocaust commemorations. The Museum's Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies works to ensure the continued growth and vitality of the field of Holocaust studies and maintains a website that serves as the world's leading online authority on the Holocaust, with 25 million visits in 2007 from an average of 100 different countries daily. USHMM's webpage for educators' <http://www.ushmm.org/education/foreducators/> should be a primary source for any teacher addressing this sensitive topic. Tours can be scheduled through the Museum's website - <http://www.ushmm.org/visit/groups/>. For any other inquiries please contact education@ushmm.org.

Virginia Holocaust Museum: The Virginia Holocaust Museum was founded in 1997 by Mark Fetter, Al Rosenbaum, and one of Richmond's youngest Holocaust survivors, Jay Ipson, in an effort to preserve and educate people on the atrocities of the Holocaust of World War II. The Museum had a singular mission, "Teaching Tolerance Through Education." The museum offers a three credit University of Richmond affiliated graduate class held for five days for middle and high school teachers to expand their knowledge of the Holocaust as well as other genocides. The class provides participants with premium tools necessary in teaching highly sensitive subjects to students. The museum also provides additional educational materials and opportunities as well as offering group tours for students, educators and the public. The museum is free of charge and open seven days a week. www.va-holocaust / 804 257-5400

Childcare, Afterschool & Summer Programming

Jewish Community Centers in DC, Maryland and Northern Virginia

The Jewish Community Centers in DC, Maryland and Northern Virginia offer full day preschool programs in the Dupont Circle, Rockville and Fairfax regions. They each serve infants through pre-K (with a program in Northern Virginia also providing school for kindergarten-aged students needing an additional preparatory year of preschool). Each center offers before and after school enrichment (BASE) classes (i.e., swimming, music, dance and sports classes, quiet homework room, etc.), family workshops and summer day camps. A wide variety of programs are offered for children and teens with special needs including: social groups for children with Asperger's, ADD or ADHD, adaptive aquatics, inclusive summer camps and family events overseen by licensed clinical social workers.

in DC: <http://www.washingtondcjcc.org/kids-and-parents/> 202-518-9400
in Maryland: www.jccgw.org / 202-881-0100
in Northern Virginia: www.jccnv.org / 703-323-0880.

About the Jewish Community Relations Council

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington (JCRC) is the public affairs and community relations arm of the Jewish community representing 210 Jewish organizations and synagogues throughout DC, Maryland, and Virginia. The JCRC focuses on government relations, Israel advocacy, inter-group relations, and social justice.

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