



NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024

DEAR COLLEAGUES, FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

It seems no time since we were reflecting on 2024's Holocaust Memorial Day and now, here we are: the sun is shining, temperatures are high, and the end of another summer term is nigh.

This academic year has not been without its challenges, for Holocaust Learning UK as for all organisations in the Holocaust education and Holocaust memorial sectors. Indeed, it has been and continues to be a challenging time for the Jewish community as a whole.

But notwithstanding the challenges, this year's film, *Kindertransport*, reached out and engaged students:

The documentary was clear and informative but also emotional. It shared true stories from survivors giving the audience first-hand experiences, raising awareness and educating us on the issue and how we can prevent another genocide.

Year 8, St Clement Danes School

..And wherever it was shown, it received unequivocal praise from teachers:

An excellent resource that gives a strong and consistent message about an important topic.

Teacher, King Edward VI School Lichfield

The stories are shocking, inspirational, educational... Thank you for putting this together and making it available.

Teacher, Taylor's Crossing Public Charter School



SOME 200,000 STUDENTS HAVE NOW WATCHED OUR FILMS, A FIGURE THAT HAS ENCOURAGED US TO CREATE OUR MOST AMBITIOUS FILM TO DATE, SIMPLY ENTITLED THE HOLOCAUST.



The Holocaust will be a comprehensive, accessible, engaging and informative film offering a complete, age-appropriate overview of the Holocaust from 1933 to 1945. It will be available free of charge to schools from the start of the autumn term 2024.

In one 50-minute viewing, or shown easily in two or three parts, *The Holocaust* will fulfil the National Curriculum requirements for Year 9 students and provide an excellent base for GCSE History syllabuses and A Level History.

The Holocaust will present compelling and memorable filmed testimony from 10 Holocaust Survivors; it will include our student actors and presenters to enhance engagement from young audiences; and it will also feature remarkable archive footage.

We are delighted and honoured to announce that Jason Isaacs has again generously offered to donate his time and his talent to narrate *The Holocaust* for us. And the word is out on the (teachers') street that this film will soon be available! One teacher commented that this will take the pressure off teaching such a challenging subject, making it easy to teach and to fine tune to the specific needs of each group of students.



Even as I am writing to you, Tapestry Pictures are once again at full throttle! With each film, we have looked for new and fresh ways to communicate with teachers and students. For this, our most ambitious film to date, we are filming in two new locations to create a more edgy, industrial look that will underscore the scope and significance of this enormous subject. So do look out for our new trailer which will land in your in-box soon! Please watch and send us any feedback; we would love to hear your comments.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND FRIENDSHIP

As the academic year ends, my thanks to all of you for your support and friendship. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any comments, questions or suggestions for Holocaust Learning UK's current or future projects.

Wishing you all a relaxing and rejuvenating summer, and with warm wishes

Susan Krasner,
Chair, Holocaust Learning UK

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