



# AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST

OPENS  
May 27th  
Ends June 28th

## Event Calendar

Thursday, 5/29 at 5:30pm

Sharing A Survivor's Story - Attend via Zoom

Tuesday, 6/3 at 5:30pm

Educator's Night at the Americans & the Holocaust Exhibit

Saturday, 6/7 at 1:30pm

Encore Presentation of "A Real Pain": Movie & Discussion

Monday, 6/9 from 1pm - 5pm

Short Films in the Movie Theater - Holocaust Exhibit

Wednesday, 6/11 at 3pm

Teen Book Discussion, Maus by Art Spiegelman

Thursday, 6/12 at 2pm

Book Discussion: The Flight Portfolio by Julie Orringer

Friday, 6/13 at 2pm

Movie: "The Boys in the Boat" with Discussion

Monday, 6/16 at 2:30pm

Classic Movie Monday: "Casablanca" with Discussion

Saturday, 6/21 at 2pm

Film viewing of "Race" The Jesse Owens Story

Monday, 6/23 at 2:30pm

Classic Movie Monday: "The Great Dictator"

Tuesday, 6/24 at 2pm

Book Discussion: 50 Children by Stephen Pressman

Wednesday, 6/25 at 6:30pm

Kristallnacht in the News

Friday, 6/27 at 1:30pm

Family Tour Afternoon- Americans & the Holocaust exhibit

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WHAT DID  
AMERICANS  
KNOW?

AMERICANS  
AND THE HOLOCAUST

Holocaust history raises important questions about what Europeans could have done to stop the rise of Nazism in Germany and its attack on Europe's Jews. Questions also must be asked of the international community, including the United States. What did the US government and the American people know about the threats posed by Nazi Germany? What responses were possible? And when?

By the time Nazi Germany forced the world into war, democratic civilization itself was at stake. The US military fought for almost four years and civilians alike made enormous sacrifices. Yet saving Jews and other refugees from Nazi concentration camps was not a priority for the US government.

LOCATION:  
Long Branch Free Public Library  
328 Broadway  
Long Branch, NJ 07740

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## AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST TRAVELING EXHIBITION COMING TO THE LONG BRANCH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Long Branch Free Public Library is one of 50 U.S. libraries selected to host **AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST**, a traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that examines the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s.

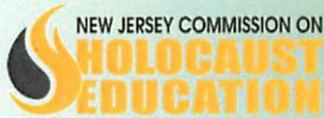
**AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST** will be on display at the Main Library at 328 Broadway, along with a series of related special events, from May 27<sup>th</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Based on extensive new research of that period, **AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST** addresses important themes in American history, exploring the many factors—including the Great Depression, isolationism, xenophobia, racism and antisemitism—that influenced decisions made by the U.S. government, the news media, organizations and individuals as they responded to Nazism. This exhibition will challenge the commonly held assumptions that Americans knew little and did nothing about the Nazi persecution and murder of Jews as the Holocaust unfolded.

Drawing on a remarkable collection of primary sources from the 1930s and '40s, the exhibition focuses on the stories of individuals and groups of Americans who took action in response to Nazism. It will challenge visitors to consider the responsibilities and obstacles faced by individuals—from Franklin Delano Roosevelt to ordinary Americans—who made difficult choices, sought to effect change, and, in a few cases, took significant risks to help victims of Nazism even as rescue never became a government priority.

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## Sharing a **HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR'S STORY**



Thursday, May 29th - 5:30 PM



Online - Zoom Program

Join us for the opening program of Americans and the Holocaust, a traveling exhibit from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, hosted by the Long Branch Free Public Library. In this moving virtual presentation, Jessica Goldsmith Barzilay—Assistant Vice President of Global Initiatives at the Holocaust Resource and Education Center and daughter of Holocaust survivor Peter Goldsmith—will share her father's powerful story of survival, resilience, and remembrance. Adults and mature teens are invited to attend.



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