

COMBATTING ANTISEMITISM WITH ARTS

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PER OPPOSITION OF - FIGHTING ANTISEMITISM WITH ARTS

A strategy: Education (past and Current) Evaluation... .. Implementation... ..and Re - Evaluation

An action: Justified and comprehensive ACTION; Jonathan Greenblatt and University Protest Zone.)

REFLECTIONS

Combatting versus Fighting

And how to work together? **Be Yahad Le Tikkun Olam**



DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

- ✓ Did Antisemitism change?
- ✓ Is it against Western Civilization and not necessary the JEWS?
- ✓ Studying of the Other - Other religion, other culture
- ✓ Have a title as the global idea of the project!!
- ✓ Revolution: Change in a social and political institutions

PROJECT 1.

A Dialogue with Deborah Lipstadt and Samuel Bak. Moderator Stuart Eisenstadt

PROJECT 2.

Round Table. Bringing several subjects and offering for reflection and debate to them to an audience

Definition of Antisemitism (Anti-Semitism versus Antisemitism)

Definition of Antisemitism (Department of State)

Definition of Antisemitism (Facts and examples)

Antisemitism as ADL, AJC... and others

Antisemitism in schools, universities, educational settings

Antisemitism in religious settings ... with Susannah Eschel

Understanding, combating/fighting, its spread and its impact

Others

PROJECT 3

Educate on Antisemitism and how to prevent it with Holocaust Education and/or with education of other Genocides

PROJECT 4

Implement an art exhibit eventually at USC, or

Implement a street Exhibit - with artists — (Toby Kahn)

Work of Toby Kahn and Francine Mayran

PROJECT 5

Dance of the Holocaust words with Tammuz Dubnov:

Arrest – Fear – Transport – Hunger – Resilience – Courage – Death - Survival

PROJECT 5

Establish partnerships with TOGETHER..... NEVER IS NOW

WE ARE THE TREE OF LIFE

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WE ARE THE TREE OF LIFE CARRY ON DOCUSERIES

<http://vimeo.com/490944805>

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WE ARE THE TREE OF LIFE CARRY ON TRAILER

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The esteemed activist/ producer, and fabled Director of Programming at the San Diego JCC, Jacqueline Semha Gmach, has created a brilliant and critically needed program initiative called **“WE ARE THE TREE OF LIFE®”**. The program uses works of music and art created in nazi concentration camps to build resistance to the frighteningly rapid growth of fascism, anti-Semitism, and hatred in today’s world. Created in the face of almost certain extermination, these works of art were heroic acts of resistance that can inspire us in the struggle to preserve goodness, humanity and decency, and not succumb to these same demonic forces being resurrected today.

The anti-Semitic drum beat of fascism, which feeds on fear, hatred and division, now threatens the way of life, and the very existence of, Jews and non-Jews alike. In response to this, “WE ARE THE TREE OF LIFE®” builds solidarity amongst people of ethical persuasion,. It galvanizes our will to confront hatred and fear with love, light and compassion, invoking the ethical Jewish imperative of healing the world, not by the sword, but by the power that comes from standing together, united, in the pursuit of equity, justice and **PEACE**.

“WE ARE THE TREE OF LIFE®” also provides historical context, which counters our sense of helplessness and disempowerment. It gives each of us a path to follow so that we can move forward and do our part, however small, in the struggle to preserve humanity in the world.

“What can I do. I am only one person?” were words never used by Jews in the concentration camps who wrote, painted, and courageously created music that bore witness to the atrocities that were being committed. In today’s world, that says a lot about those who utter these words as an explanation or justification for doing nothing, or for bland acceptance of the precipitous rise of fascism in our midst.

Peter Yarrow, 04-18,2024 



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