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### **Holocaust Remembrance Assembly**

Georgetown, Texas. January 14, 2019. Larry and Marian Kobrin, active members of the Jewish community in Georgetown, are passionate about keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive. Last Fall, they approached Lindsay Harris, principal of George Wagner Middle School to discuss finding a way to collaborate with teachers to educate students about the horrors and cruelty of the Holocaust, and their dedication to the cause paid off.

On Friday, January 25 from 3pm to 4pm, there will be a Holocaust Remembrance Assembly, which is just one part of a broader curriculum where a group of middle school children will learn from literature and presentations from survivors about the unspeakable suffering that took place during the Holocaust. “The goal of the program is two-fold: to help students understand the roles of activists and survivors, and secondly to learn about the long-term impact such vitriolic hatred has on society,” says Lindsay Harris.

As part of the nine week program, Gregg Phillipson, a former Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commissioner will present an artifact showcase for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. In addition, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will listen to a presentation by Dr. Erica Miller, a Holocaust survivor, mental health professional, international best-selling author, and inspirational speaker, who spent four years in the camps in the Ukraine. “I was only seven when we were forced into cattle cars and taken from our home. I was young and impressionable and couldn’t understand why the soldiers were calling us ‘filthy Jews,’ Dr. Miller tells audiences. “During our time in the camp, we lived in a one room shack with about 20 others. People were dying all around us of starvation and disease. I witnessed unspeakable brutality, but I did not become a victim. I learned to be resilient, independent and detached,” she adds.

“As educators, we believe children are never too young to learn about basic human rights and caring for others,” says Daisy Woods, who is the instructor responsible for putting together the Holocaust remembrance program. “We think this program will have a positive impact on students, and will be expanded to other schools in the years to come,” she adds.

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