

Holocaust Survivors Offer America's Youth A Message Of What's Truly Important In Life

The nation's Capitol will be the showcase for the premiere of a national portrait exhibition featuring Holocaust survivors and their messages of hope to future generations, as part of the annual Days of Remembrance in May. The 51 black and white portraits, which will hang from May 5-17 in the Cannon Rotunda across from the Capitol Building, was created by Denver photojournalist Nick Del Calzo, who also recently published a companion book, *The Triumphant Spirit*, containing many of the same images.

Congressman Tom Lantos of California said of Del Calzo's portraits, "The faces and stories you captured so powerfully on your prints speak . . . about the ability of the human spirit to transcend tragedy and assert the power of good over evil."

Unlike most Holocaust exhibits, *The Triumphant Spirit* is

not about darkness and death, but about hope, and the American Dream, an uplifting photo-essay about life's important themes. A non-Jew, Del Calzo began his quest five years ago when he visited the Dachau concentration camp and was compelled to document the faces and stories of survivors.

"These people are glowing examples of what an individual can achieve when one is determined to give wings to his or her own life's dreams," says Del Calzo. "America can look into the faces of those Holocaust survivors who fiercely held onto hope and made impossible dreams come true. Ignited by Miss Liberty's torch of freedom, these and other survivors arrived in America with empty pockets but an abundance of hope in their hearts. Today, their dramatic stories are living testimonials to

time-proven values for success if one truly seeks to achieve the American Dream."

Prominent Schindler Jew, Leopold (Pfefferberg) Page, the singular catalyst for Thomas Keneally's best-selling book and the Oscar-winning movie, said "The Triumphant Spirit is as important as the Schindler's List story."

The premiere is co-sponsored by the International Relations Committee and the Congressional Human Rights Caucus and was made possible, in part, by the support of Anti-Defamation League and the Adolph Coors Foundation. For further information, contact The Triumphant Spirit Foundation at (303) 986-1919 or fax (303) 986-0123 or visit the Internet web site at www.triumphantspirit.org.



Photo above: The loving embrace of two Denver brothers with consecutive death camp numbers are historical symbols of *The Triumphant Spirit* book and a national portrait exhibition about Survivors who offer stirring messages of hope for America's youth. The brothers, Zesa Starr (left) and Emil Gold, are the only two of their 26-member family who survived the Holocaust. They were reunited after Starr was liberated from Dachau and Gold from Buna death camps.

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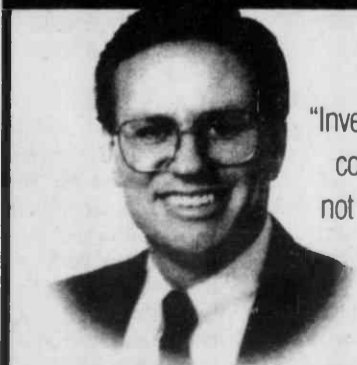


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The 1997 Annual Days of Remembrance

The 1997 annual nationwide Days of Remembrance of the Holocaust will be observed from Sunday, May 4 through Sunday, May 11, 1997. These days are set aside annually by the U.S. Congress to remember the victims of the Holocaust and to remind Americans of the ultimate dangers

of hatred, prejudice, and state-sponsored discrimination.

The North Carolina Council on the Holocaust, in association with Meredith College, will sponsor a Holocaust Memorial Service in Raleigh on Sunday, May 4, 1997 at 3:00 P.M., at Meredith College in the Jones Auditorium.

Locally, Yom HaShoah will be observed at a community service beginning at 11:30 AM at Shalom Park in Charlotte.

The N.C. Council on the Holocaust encourages the entire community to attend Yom HaShoah Commemorations. ✪

Game, Set, Match . . . JCC's Doug Maynard Is An Ace!

By Diana Ades

"Activity breeds activity. Getting players to be open to new programming becomes much easier once momentum of activities starts rolling." These are the words of Doug Maynard, the highly qualified tennis pro at the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte (JCC).

Doug joined the staff of the JCC in May 1996 from the Grove Park Inn Resort in Asheville, where he was the Director of Tennis. At Grove Park, Doug was responsible for nine courts (6 outdoor; 3 indoor) and not only taught tennis, but was in charge of the entire tennis program including staff supervision, budgeting, court maintenance and corporate tennis events.

Doug began playing tennis at the age of 8 and was eventually ranked #1 in North Carolina and in the top fifteen in the national junior standings. After Doug and his wife, Cenie, decided to relocate to Charlotte, he was recruited to take the position by JCC Health & Recreation Director, Barry Schumer. The connection was made via Doug's longtime friend, Robbie Smith at the Renaissance Tennis Center.

Doug is enjoying his work at the JCC. "Tennis at the J has great potential. I feel the enthusiasm and as the overall program grows we'll continue to meet more and more of this community's tennis instruction needs than ever before." The JCC now has a variety of outstanding tennis



programs, including: Queen City leagues for women, a USTA 3.5 league for women, a Little Sneakers junior program for 4-7 year olds, programs for teens, private and group lessons and more.

Doug hopes to continue developing the programs for the many different constituent tennis groups at the JCC. "It is my hope that members will sign up and attend clinics, socials, leagues and lessons." Doug urged participants to, "constantly give me suggestions for future programs." Doug has targeted the men's program area — clinics, instruction, leagues, etc. — as one of the primary areas that has unlimited potential for growth.

With the addition of assistant tennis pro, Clay Allen, the Tennis Committee and Doug have added more and more programs that have been well received by the community. For instance, they began addressing the dearth of men's programs by offering the

well attended men's night tennis this past fall and have added new teams to the Queen City program.

With court usage at an all-time high, the JCC Tennis Committee has highlighted a number of facility issues that need to be addressed to help build a more comprehensive JCC Tennis Program. It is clear that additional courts will help meet the needs of a growing membership. The possible addition of clay courts is also an important consideration. This would allow the JCC to compete in inter-club and senior leagues. Clay courts are easier on the body, typically cooler, can be played on after rain and are beneficial for both junior and senior players. In addition, serious consideration must be given to adding lights to assure that all of the courts can be played on at night. This would certainly increase the value of the JCC's facilities to tennis players who work during the day, but are willing to play until ten or eleven o'clock in the evening.

"Helping people feel better about themselves and their game is the most rewarding aspect of my job," Doug said. He feels the personal interaction with students is a learning experience for him as well. "I appreciate all the people I have gotten to know in such a short time at the JCC and it is my hope that the tennis program will continue to grow and involve even more members."

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