

Holocaust survivor speaks on remembrance day

Organizers expand outreach for fourth year

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Hillel is sponsoring a Holocaust Remembrance Day on May 4 and 5. On Wednesday, people will have the opportunity to look at an exhibit about the Holocaust and Nazi culture from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Commuter Lounge. Thursday night at 7:15 p.m. Shelly Weiner, a Holocaust survivor, will speak in McKinnon Hall.

Building off last year's exhibit, the new memorial exhibit will have a time-

line of Holocaust events, video of interviews with other survivors, printed testimonials, miscellaneous facts about the Nazi culture and eight candles lit for the different concentration camps across Europe, with facts about the concentration camp to accompany the lit candle.

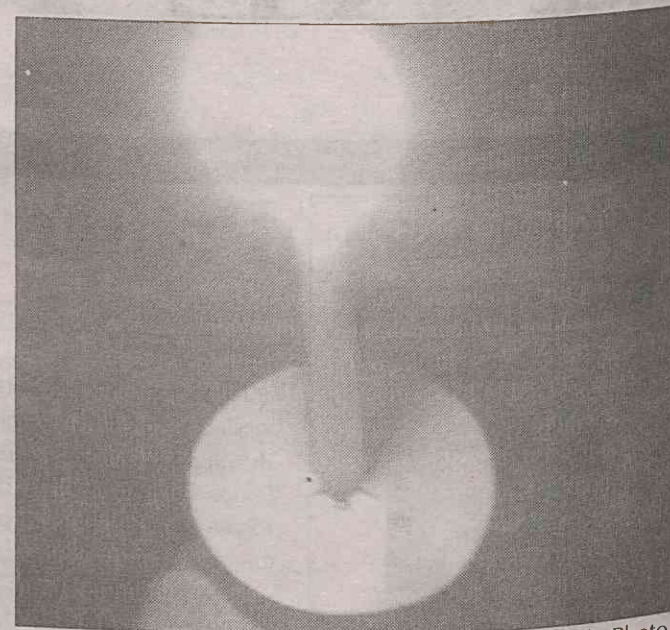
During the day, students assisting at the exhibit will also read off names of victims who died in concentration camps on the steps of Moseley Center in front of Young Commons. "Students will read the names of French Jews, it is nowhere near the six million that died, but it is enough to make an impact," said Samantha Blume, program coordinator. Readers will not use microphones to read the names. "Reading the names is not like advertising their death, it is reverent in their memory," Blume said.

Before the speech on Thursday,

Weiner will be leading a candle light vigil and afterwards plans to hold a question and answer session. Weiner survived the Nazi attacks by going into hiding in a neighboring village in Poland. She currently lives in Greensboro and works with the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, an organization of survivors, to help educate the public about the Holocaust and Jewish heritage.

"By having a question and answer session after her speech, it is a good chance for students to interact with her," Blume said. "Weiner is a survivor and they, unfortunately, are not going to be around forever. She will also help to bring Wednesday's exhibit to life. By seeing her and hearing her, students can have a connection."

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Candles will be lit at the memorial exhibit in the Commuter Lounge on May 4 in remembrance of those who died in the different concentration camps.

BREAKING THROUGH THE Bubble

Japan train accident kills at least 73

A packed commuter train jumped the tracks in western Japan and rammed into an apartment complex, crumpling passenger cars into twisted metal. At least 73 people have been killed and 440 injured in the deadliest rail accident here in four decades. Investigators immediately focused on whether excessive speed or the actions of the inexperienced driver caused the crash in an urban area near Amagasaki. The 23-year-old driver had overshot the stop line at the last station before the accident. The seven-car commuter train was carrying 580 passengers when it derailed, wrecking an automobile in its path before slamming into the nine-story apartment complex. Two of the five derailed cars were flattened against the wall of the building, and hundreds of rescue workers and police swarmed the wreckage and tended to the injured. Rescuers are still digging through the rubble looking for survivors.

Florida skydiver hits plane on way down and dies

A skydiving cinematographer was killed after his legs were severed in a midair collision with the airplane he had jumped from. Albert "Gus" Wing III had already deployed his parachute when he struck the left wing of the DHC-6 Twin Otter propeller plane at about 600 feet, a witness on the ground told police. Both of Wing's legs were severed at the knees, but he managed to maneuver his parachute and land near the DeLand Airport, about 40 miles north of Orlando. He was airlifted to a hospital, where he later died.

Fourteen other skydivers were in the air at the time of the accident and the FAA and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating.

Thousands gather for Benedict XVI's inaugural Mass

Pope Benedict XVI formally began his papacy by extending a hand to Jews, other Christians and "non-believers," and by signaling that he wants to be a good listener in the task of leading the

world's 1.1 billion Roman Catholics. Addressing thousands of pilgrims crowded into St. Peter's Square on Sunday, the new pope made a point of leaving political issues out of his first major homily and repeatedly expressed reverence for the late John Paul II, whom he served for 24 years as the enforcer of church doctrine. His speech suggested his papacy could study some pressing issues such as greater social activism and ways to reverse the decline of church attendance in the West. As Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger — before his election as pope — he clearly opposed any fundamental changes such as ending bans on contraception or female priests.

Snowstorm in April leaves Midwest covered

An unusual spring storm dumped nearly two feet of wet snow on parts of the Midwest and Appalachians, snapping power lines, postponing baseball games and rewriting the record books. The weekend storm brought temperatures as much as 25 degrees below the normal of around 60 as snow fell across parts of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania, and south along the Appalachians as far as western North Carolina. Northeastern Ohio was hardest hit, with 21 inches of snow in North Royalton, Ohio. Cleveland got 12.4 inches, boosting the city's total for the month to an April record of 19 inches, nearly five inches over the old record. In the Appalachians, eight inches fell at Terra Alta, W.Va., more than double what was forecasted. Parts of western Maryland also reported eight inches. The Detroit Tigers postponed two weekend home games against the Minnesota Twins because of the terrible weather.