ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER

Likely the last international institution of its kind built with the active participation of Holocaust Survivors, Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center is the largest facility in the Midwest (and the third largest in the world) dedicated to preserving the memories of those lost in the Holocaust and to teaching current generations to fight hatred, prejudice, indifference and genocide in today’s world. Housed inside a 65,000 square-foot building, designed by renowned architect Stanley Tigerman, the Museum touches the lives of more than 150,000 people each year.

The Museum’s permanent Karkomi Holocaust Exhibition tells the story of the Jews and the many other minority groups who were persecuted during the Holocaust, with over 500 extraordinary artifacts, historical records, photographs and video, including an original volume of the Nuremberg Trial transcripts and Kindertransport lists. An early 20th Century German rail car—of the type used by the Nazis during the Holocaust to transport millions to concentration camps and, ultimately, to their deaths—serves as the Museum’s central artifact.

The Museum also features Make a Difference! The Harvey L. Miller Family Youth Exhibition, where children ages 8 to 12 can discover ways to respect differences, address bullying, and take a stand on issues that matter to them.

In addition to its permanent exhibitions, the Museum also hosts traveling exhibitions, educational programs and events – from book-signings, to student tours, to lectures – all of which aim to foster the promotion of human rights and the elimination of genocide.

In 2017, the Museum was named one of 10 awardees of the 2017 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation’s highest honor given to museums and libraries for service to the community. In 2016 the Museum was recognized as Leader Institution of the Year by the Illinois Association of Museums.

Hours: Monday through Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Thursday evenings: 5:00- 8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, Illinois

Admission: General: $12.00 Children (5-12): $6.00 Students (12-22): $8.00 Seniors (65+): $8.00 Ticket sales end one hour before closing

For more information, visit www.ilholocaustmuseum.org or call (847) 967-4800.

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