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Dear School Administrators:

We have been very fortunate in New Jersey to have acquired copies of a DVD titled "A Journey into the Holocaust" by Paul S. Bachow for all of our middle and high schools. To receive the free lesson plan to accompany the film, just register as an educator at www.ajourneyintotheholocaust.com/educators/ and enter: NJTG (case sensitive) in the Special Code field. By registering you will also receive a free perpetual personal screening license in your name, which is required to screen the film in your classroom. The DVD and teacher guide are excellent vehicles to meet the New Jersey mandate that all students must learn about the Holocaust and genocide.

The film may be used as a standalone project or included into larger course studies on the following:

- German history
- Racism
- Tolerance & intolerance of diversity
- Current events
- Holocaust studies
- Genocide studies
- Human rights
- Social justice
- Western civilization

The objective of the film includes work which meets a number of common core standards.

- Explore European history, particularly the roles that religion, race & ethnicity played in the Holocaust.
- Define and identify genocide and its causation.
- Review the history of the Jewish people and how anti-Semitism allowed Hitler to blame Germany's failures on, and then exclude, the Jews from German society.
- Analyze how charismatic leadership can lead to both positive and negative outcomes.
- Explore European nationalism.
- Learn how 'scapegoating' is used to isolate societal groups.
- Explore ways that students can react and respond to intolerance and genocide today.

We thank Paul Bachow for developing, producing and making the film available to the schools and he, along with Dr. Leon Weissberg and Dr. Gladys Morse, for developing the teacher guide.

After instruction in the classroom the Commission and author would be interested in both teacher and student comments. Those responses may be sent to the Commission.

Sincerely,

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