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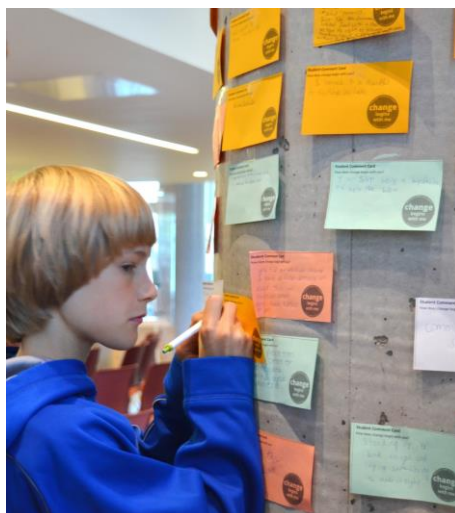
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## ***Northwest's First Holocaust Museum Opens October 18, 2015***



A student answers the question “How does change begin with you?” and posts it along with other student comments to a pillar in the Center.

**[Seattle, WA]:** Positioned as a focal point for tolerance education in the Pacific Northwest, the Holocaust Center for Humanity museum and education center opens to the public this month. Told through stories and artifacts of local Holocaust survivors, the exhibit takes visitors from prewar Europe through the Holocaust to liberation. Opening events are on October 18th, 21st, and 25th.

Located in Seattle’s Belltown neighborhood at 2045 Second Avenue, the Center anticipates 15,000 visitors in its first year of operation including area residents, school groups, and tourists visiting Seattle.

“I applaud the Holocaust Center for Humanity for its ongoing work to teach tolerance, awaken compassion, and inspire active citizenship through lessons of the Holocaust,” said Governor Jay

Inslee in a letter to the Center heralding the opening of the Holocaust Center for Humanity museum and education center.

“Our opening exhibit explores the best and worst of human behavior through local Holocaust survivors’ stories,” says Dee Simon, the Center’s Executive Director. “Learning about the Holocaust empowers students to speak up for one another, and against injustice and hatred.”

Although Holocaust education is recommended in Washington State, it is not mandated and there is no funding to teach it. Addressing complicated contemporary themes from bullying at school to hate crimes and genocide, the Holocaust Center has been reaching students, teachers, and community groups since 1989 through direct outreach, providing educational materials, curriculum, and access to Holocaust survivors and legacy speakers (descendants of survivors), who tell their stories to 20,000 people each year.

The Holocaust Center's mission is to inspire teaching and learning for humanity in the schools and communities of this region through study of the Holocaust. The Center is the only organization in the Pacific Northwest whose mission is to work with educators and community groups throughout the Northwest to provide programs, resources, and support for Holocaust education.

View the Holocaust Center’s recent video at <http://www.holocaustcenterseattle.org/about-us/about-us>. Visit <http://www.holocaustcenterseattle.org/> to reserve tickets for one of the Holocaust Center’s opening events or for information about hours of operation.