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Ripples of Memory: Shaping the Memory of the Shoah Together

A week-long commemorative gathering that includes exhibition, film, lectures, panel discussions, parlor meetings and debates marking Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, April 2015.

This year, the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute will commemorate the Holocaust through a specially crafted week-long program called Ripples of Memory. Thought-provoking exhibitions, film, recital, lectures, panel discussions, parlor meetings and debates. will shape the way we pay tribute to this tragic period in human history. Using artistic vehicles, we will present and examine the many unique methodologies through which we communicate the complex and painful story of the Holocaust to the next generation. The core concepts -

survival against evil, steadfastness in the face of annihilation, and courage undeterred by fear - shed light on universal human suffering.

The public - first and foremost Holocaust survivors, followed by artists, educators, students, diplomats, journalists, national and municipal representatives, elected officials, and, of course, our young people - will be invited to experience an interactive art exhibition which will attempt to convey these difficult concepts, while participants contribute their own impressions, memories and testimony. The event will thus offer inspiration and a framework for new methods of passing on memory to communities and individuals from a wide range of generations and backgrounds.

A VLJI Project

This program was initiated by VLJI's Memory Transmission and Fiction Group, a unique, multi-generational collection of artists, scientists, psychologists, researchers and curators. The program is the result of three years of hard work and planning to maximize all available medium to suit a wide diverse audience

The Holocaust will forever be etched in on Jewish memory. It had an undeniable impact on the creation of the State of Israel, and today, as the number of survivors dwindles and as forces worldwide continue to rise and threaten to crush the human spirit, our Holocaust story remains pertinent to all the human challenges we face. Now, more than ever, a program like Ripples of Memory is critical, with its attempt to find a balanced way of transmitting the story to future generations.

Who better than the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute to advance this most important cause? We are committed to public responsibility and the advancement of humanistic, liberal and democratic values in Israeli discourse, each year hosting over fifty educational and academic projects and more than seventy public events.



Background:

The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute bridges the gap between academic research and social involvement, addressing major challenges in the areas of Israeli Civil Society and Democracy; Jewish Culture and Identity; Advanced Studies in the Humanities and the Social Sciences; Regional Peace and Dialogue; Education; Economic Development; and Social and Gender Equality.

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Be our partner in this important enterprise.

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