



## 2009-10 Professional and Public Roundtable Series

### *"Seeking Tikkun: Role of Memory in Building Community Fostering Wholeness"*

*This year's series will focus on the importance of confronting difficult history in order to bear witness to, and be willing to face, our responsibilities for, the other in our midst.*

Individual workshops are \$85

The workshops are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

6 Professional Development Hours Available.

### *Fall Semester 2009*

❖ **October 9, 2009: Confronting a Difficult Past: Germans Wrestle with the Legacy of Nazism and the Holocaust**

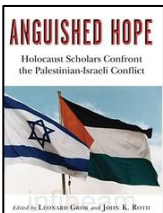
**Location:** Mabel Brown Room, Young Student Center, Keene State College, Keene, NH

**Roundtable discussion partners:**

- **Rena Jacques:** born in Breslau, lower Silesia in 1925. As a teenager she grew up in an anti-Nazi Catholic family. By war's end she had moved to Berlin where she discovered and helped her sister's work with the German resistance.
- **Stephan Lewy:** born in Berlin, Germany in 1925. Survived Kristallnacht, escaped to France in 1939 and the USA in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army as a "Ritchie Boy" in Patton's 6<sup>th</sup> Armor Division during WW 2.
- **Ursula Mahlendorf:** born in Strehlen, Lower Silesia in 1929. Joined the Hitler Youth (BDM) and became a squad leader and ardent follower of Hitler. Her escape from a group suicide pact in the wake of Hitler's suicide was a first step in her denazification and eventual acceptance of her culpability in the Holocaust. As a young teen, she was a bystander; if she had been old enough, would she have been a perpetrator?
- **Abraham Peck:** born in 1946 in a displaced persons' camp in Landsberg, Germany, the city where Adolf Hitler wrote *Mein Kampf*. He is the son of two Holocaust survivors who survived the Lodz Poland ghetto and the concentration camps of Auschwitz, Stutthof, Buchenwald and Theresienstadt. As a Jewish history and Holocaust studies scholar, he has been actively involved in numerous programs devoted to meaningful dialogue and creative social action programs between members of the American and international Jewish communities and members of the Christian, African American, German and Polish communities.
- **Martin Rumscheidt:** born in Leuna, Germany in 1935. Living a privileged life in Nazi Germany, he would discover after the war that his beloved parents were important Nazi industrialists and perpetrators. His father had visited Auschwitz to recruit slave labor and Martin's playmates were the children of the commandant of Auschwitz-Buna. Martin has ever since wrestled with his parents' responsibility and facing his own individual shame.

❖ **December 11, 2009: Anguished Hope: Holocaust Scholars Confront the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict**

**Location:** Mountain View Room, Young Student Center, Keene State College, Keene, NH



What does study of the Holocaust help us understand, or lead us to ponder, when we face the Palestinian-Israeli conflict attentive to its heavily-laden history and complex dynamics? Holocaust scholars who addressed this question in their book, *Anguished Hope*, will discuss their work on that project and explore their continuing engagement with this demanding topic.

**Roundtable discussion partners:**

- **Myrna Goldenberg:** Professor Emerita, Montgomery College
- **Leonard Grob:** Professor Emeritus of Philosophy
- **Henry Knight:** Director of Cohen Center for Holocaust Studies
- **John Roth:** Edward J. Sexton Professor Emeritus of Philosophy; Founding Director, The Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Claremont McKenna College

**Registration form:**

[http://www.keene.edu/cchs/workshop\\_fall2009\\_form.pdf](http://www.keene.edu/cchs/workshop_fall2009_form.pdf)

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