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Exhibition kicks off campaign for Holocaust remembrance

Photos on display throughout Tallahassee

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While the people may pass on, their history will live forever.

The local Holocaust Education Resource Council is hosting a series of events for its inaugural Holocaust Remembrance Campaign to keep the memory of the devastating events of the Holocaust alive.

"We're losing the survivors to age and health problems, and it's up to us (their children) to continue their story," said Rita Blank, vice president of the Holocaust Education Resource Council.

The campaign will kick off Friday with the Afikim Exhibit at the LeRoy Collins library, depicting the events of various liberators of World War II. The exhibit will be on display through April 22.

Also starting Friday, photographs of present-day Holocaust-related locations will be available for public viewing around the city of Tallahassee. One location will be the lobby of the *Democrat*.

"We will have about 75 photos, taken in July 2008, displayed on easels around town," said Barbara Goldstein, local resource council president. "We want people to remember and understand that even though this happened 60 years ago, it should never happen again."

The pictures, each varying in size, can be viewed in sets of two or three at about 30 locations in the area through May 17 and on Tallahassee.com.

The *Democrat* is rolling out an interactive multimedia Web site (Tallahassee.com/holocaust) showcasing the photographs and featuring an interactive map, videos of interviews with Holocaust survivors and more.

"Tallahassee.com/holocaust is a demonstration of how we can serve our community with our powerful social-networking and multimedia tools," said Bob Gabordi, *Democrat* executive editor. "It seems to me that ongoing learning from this greatest of human failures is the surest way to prevent history from repeating."

Resource council members believe the campaign is about learning to respect one another as human beings.

"This is important for the community and students to learn from the history that this should never happen again," Goldstein said. "And we need to teach people at a young age to respect others."

According to the Jewish virtual library, The Holocaust is the term that describes the murder of six million Jews in Europe during World War II that was orchestrated by the National Socialist ("Nazi") Party in Germany.

For information, call (850)443-9649, or visit www.holocaustresources.org or Tallahassee.com/holocaust.

