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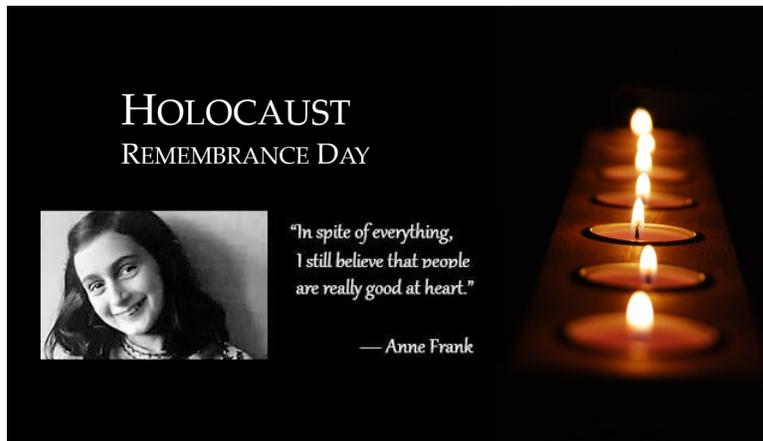
This month NHCA recognizes Diversity through observance & outreach:

- Holocaust Remembrance Week & Day
- STEM-M Outreach

Other recognized events in April:

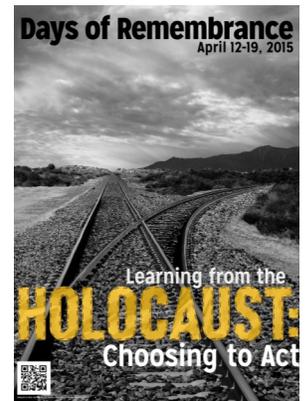
- National Volunteers Month
- National Autism Awareness Month
- National Day of Silence
- Arab-American Heritage
- Scottish-American month (National Tartan Day)

NHCA Multicultural Committee Remembers the Holocaust This Year's Theme is: "Learning from the Holocaust: Choosing to Act."



This month NHCA Multicultural committee will be holding a day of remembrance on April 24th in memory of the 6 million victims of Holocaust. The official week for remembrance runs from the Sunday before Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah) through the following Sunday. The internationally recognized date for Holocaust Remembrance Day

corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar. This year it falls on April 16, 2015. The Holocaust was the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators. Holocaust is a word of Greek origin meaning "sacrifice by fire." The Nazis, who came to power in Germany in January



[Watch Documentary Here](#)

1933, believed that Germans were "racially superior" and that the Jews, deemed "inferior," were an alien threat to the so-called German racial community. To learn more about the events of Holocaust please join us in Lockwood Heaton Conference Room, NHCA at 1200 on April 24, 2015.

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National Autism Awareness Month

Nearly a quarter century ago, the Autism Society launched a nationwide effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion and self-determination for all, and assured that each person with ASD is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life.

This year the Autism Society wants to go beyond simply promoting autism awareness to encouraging friends and collaborators to become partners in movement toward action and appreciation. They want to get one step closer to a society where those

with ASD are truly valued for their unique talents and gifts. To find out more about how you can get involved please visit their website at: www.autism-society.org.



A woman reads a boycott sign posted on the window of a Jewish-owned department store. The Nazis initiated a boycott of Jewish shops and businesses on April 1, 1933,

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The Arab American National Museum (AANM), the only Smithsonian Affiliate in Southeast Michigan, will celebrate its ten year anniversary this May. As part of the milestone, the museum will roll out a year-long series of events and renovations.

“Learning from the Holocaust: Choosing to Act.”

During the month of April, we join the Nation in the observance of Holocaust Days of Remembrance. Established in 1980 as the nation’s annual commemoration of the Holocaust, the Days of Remembrance include “Yom Hashoah”. Yom Hashoah corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar and marks the anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising.

Prior to 1944, the term

“genocide” did not exist. This term was coined by Raphael Lemkin to describe the murder and destruction of European Jews during the holocaust. This word was combined from the Greek word “geno” meaning race or tribe and the Latin word “cide” meaning killing. Between 1933 and 1945, more than six million Jews were murdered, and additionally, Poles, Soviet prisoners of war, Romas (Gypsies),

Jehovah's Witnesses, Catholics, political dissidents, the physically and mentally disabled, and homosexuals suffered grievous persecution under Nazi tyranny.

Days of Remembrance provides the opportunity to reflect and raise awareness on all whose lives were lost and forever altered by the Holocaust. This gives us a reminder of the moral obligations for all to remain vigilant and come together to ensure these actions never occur again.



Jews in the Warsaw ghetto wait in line for food at a soup kitchen.



Jews from Hungarian-occupied Czechoslovakia (present-day Ukraine) are taken off the trains and assembled at the largest of the killing centers, Auschwitz-Birkenau.

“ Proud of Our Heritage and Proud to Be American ”

April is Arab American Heritage Month. Arab Americans and Americans of Middle Eastern heritage have a long history in the United States. They are U.S. military heroes, entertainers, politicians and scientists. They are Lebanese, Egyptian, Iraqi and more. However, the representations of Arab Americans in

the media tend to be quite limited and are typically featured on the news when Islam or terrorism are the topics at hand. Let us take this opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the many contributions Arab Americans have made. Arab American innovations include the invention of the ice cream cone

(Ernest Hamwi), the development of the artificial heart (Dr. Michael DeBakery), and many others. The theme for Arab American Heritage Month 2015 is “Proud of Our Heritage and Proud to Be American.” Please follow the links below to learn more: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Arab-American-Heritage-Month>

Scottish-American Heritage Month

Scottish-American Heritage Month is celebrated during the month of April. On April 6, Scottish Americans celebrate National Tartan Day, which highlights the contributions that Scottish Americans have made to US democracy, industry and society. April 6 is also the anniversary of the 1320 Declaration of Arbroath (Scottish Independence), which served as a model for the Declaration of Independ-

ence. On National Tartan Day and other special occasions, Scottish men and women wear traditional kilts, which are knee-length, wrap-around tartan garments. Tartan is a horizontal and vertical criss-cross pattern of multiple colors on any material. In North America, tartan is often called plaid. However, in Scotland, a plaid is a tartan cloth slung over the shoulder as a kilt accessory, or a blanket used on a

bed for warmth. Please click links for more info:

<http://www.scotland.org/about-scotland/scottish-culture-and-traditions> ; <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/89659/0021549.pdf> ; <http://www.tartanday.org/influence.html>



NATIONAL TARTAN DAY
THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY FOR ALL SCOTTISH AMERICANS

Branch Health Clinic Lakehurst Diversity Team News

BHC Lakehurst Diversity Team strives to build strong relations between the Navy and the community. The team collected \$850.00 worth of the following items: diapers, wipes, shampoos, clothing, car seats, bottles, and several other essential items. These items were donated to AHEART, which is an organization that provides emergency

assistance to infants in crisis, prevents out of home placements, and decreases infant mortalities by providing essential infant items. In order to show our dedication and support to the cause, the team dedicated three off duty hours during the AHEART “Be My Valentine Baby” event on 28 February 2015, which raised awareness

regarding the growing concern of infant mortality and low income families in South Jersey. AHEART then presented BHC Lakehurst Diversity Team with a Certificate of Appreciation, which is now proudly displayed within the clinic. Due to our newly established relationship with this organization, they requested our assistance to help them with their in-

ventory in preparation for their upcoming facility move from Atlantic City to Eagle Harbor, NJ. The team provided four hours of assistance on 17 March 2015, which consisted of inventorying items, packing clothing bags, and moving items to the organization’s new location.

- HM1(FMF) Ribot, Anna



(Left pic) Front Row from the left: Sabrina Showell (AHEART Executive Assistant), HM1 Ribot, Margaret Weber, Robbin Hargrove (Founder AHEART), and HM3 Alexander-Reaves

(Left pic) Back Row from the left: HM3 Lau, HM2 Peterman, and HN Jeune

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Upcoming Diversity Events at NHCA

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Conversation with a Holocaust Survivor Washington, DC http://www.ushmm.org/online/calendar/eventDetails.php?	3	4
5	6 Tartan Day	7	8	9	10	11 Naval Academy SEAPERCH event 0700—1200 *LOCAL*
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 MCC Holocaust Remembrance Lockwood Heaton Conf. Rm @ 1200	25 Southern Maryland Celtic Festival http://www.cssm.org/events/festival/
26	27	28	29	30 STEM-M Outreach at NHC Annapolis, 1000—1430 *LOCAL*		