The Holocaust Living History Workshop aims to preserve the memory of the victims and survivors of the Holocaust by employing the Shoah Foundation Institute’s Visual History Archive to engage the community in thoughtful — and thought-provoking—considerations of the events of the Holocaust and their continued relevance in the world today.

The Visual History Archive is one of the few primary resources available that describes first-hand the experiences of victims of the Holocaust. As such, it is an exemplary teaching tool for study in a variety of disciplines, including Anthropology, Cultural Studies, Eastern European Studies, German Studies, History, Judaic Studies, Political Science, Religious Studies, and Sociology.

Events are free and open to the public and take place in the Geisel Library. Nearest parking is the Hopkins parking structure. The main library entrance is on the south side via Library Walk. A limited amount of disabled parking is available behind the library—please ring the bell at the back door for access. A current Disabled Placard is mandatory.

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Speakers are subject to change. Most events take place in the Seuss Room at the Geisel Library. Check website for start times: http://libraries.ucsd.edu/hlhw/events.html

October 10
Escaping to Palestine
Speaker Stephen Victor Kraus grew up in prewar Poland. His family left the country in 1939. After an excruciating odyssey through Romania, Turkey, and Yugoslavia, they reached Palestine and safety.

November 5
Legalism and Memory: The Post-WW II Identity of Jewish Survivors in Budapest
Speaker Dr. Andrea Petö is an associate professor in the department of Gender Studies at the Central European University in Budapest. She has published widely on the Holocaust.

November 14
A Childhood in the Shadow of the Holocaust
Speaker Trudie Richman-Wilder was born in Vienna, Austria, and escaped to the US during World War II. She is the author of the memoir Escape from Vienna.

November 2
An Evening with Madame F.
Jointly sponsored with the Department of Music
Claudia Stevens, a performance artist and playwright, uses music to explore the Holocaust that turned her parents into refugees. An Evening with Madame F. is a musical theater piece focusing on a woman prisoner forced to perform to an audience of concentration camp guards, thereby saving her life.

January
He Walked Through Walls: A Reading and Discussion of Survival Ethics
Speaker Myriam Miedzian is an author and public philosopher who has appeared on numerous television shows including Oprah, Larry King, and Charlie Rose. Her book He Walked Through Walls deals with her father's survival of three twentieth-century wars.

January 30
We are Here: Memories of the Lithuanian Holocaust
Jointly sponsored with the Jewish Community Center Workshop held at Jewish Community Center
Speaker Ellen Cassedy, a scholar of Yiddish and a playwright, has researched and written about the world of Lithuania's genocidal past, the homeland of her Jewish ancestors, the Soviet era, and Lithuanian hopes for the future. Her book We Are Here: Memories of the Lithuanian Holocaust is a testimony of her decade-long study of an unparalleled tragedy.

February
Jackie Gmach and the Sephardic Experience: Between Two Worlds
Speaker Jackie Gmach-Nataf was a little girl when the Germans occupied her native Tunisia. After spending several years in Israel and then in France, she moved to the US where she became active in Jewish education. She is currently at work on her memoirs.

March
From Shtetl to Shetl: A Journey Across three Continents
Speaker Dr. Franklin Gaylis, a San Diego physician who grew up in South Africa, has traveled three continents in search of his family's past in Lithuania and Latvia.

April
The Murders at Bullenhuser Damm
Speaker Mark James tells the story of his brother and namesake Marek who was one of twenty Jewish children taken from the concentration camp Neuengamme and murdered at Bullenhuser Damm, barely three weeks before war's end. James went back to Germany to revisit the location of his brother's brutal death.

May
Living the Past: in Honor of San Diego's Holocaust Survivors
Speaker Lou Dunst is originally from Jasina, Czechoslovakia, and was an inmate of Auschwitz-Birkenau, Mauthausen, and Ebensee concentration camps. After the war, he emigrated to the United States via Austria and Italy. Ben Midler from Byalostok, Poland, survived Auschwitz-Birkenau, Blizyn, Majdanek, Ohrdruf, Oranienburg-Heinkelwerke, Postdam-Babelsberg, and Sachsenhausen concentration camps and moved to Palestine where he fought in the War of Independence. Dunst and Midler have long been active in Holocaust education in the broader San Diego community.

June
Surviving Auschwitz
Speaker Eve Gerstle-Wertheimer is believed to be Wiesbaden's last living Holocaust survivor. Born in 1914, Gerstle was interned in the Theresienstadt Ghetto and subsequently in the Auschwitz-Birkenau and Stutthof concentration camps.