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## **CUNY's City Tech Chosen as Exclusive Host of Holocaust Memorial Exhibition in Tri-State Area**

Brooklyn, NY—March 13, 2020— The Ursula C. Schwerin Library at New York City College of Technology (City Tech) is one of 50 U.S. libraries, and the only one in the Tri-State area, selected to host *Americans and the Holocaust*, a traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that examines the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s.

The touring library exhibition — based on the special exhibition of the same name at the Museum in Washington, D.C. — will travel to U.S. libraries from 2020 to 2022.

“We’re delighted that City Tech has been chosen to host this important exhibit, and appreciate the efforts of my colleagues Professors Keith Muchowski and Junior Tidal in securing this award,” said Chief Librarian Maura Smale. “We look forward to partnering with members of our local community on programming around the exhibit.”

*Americans and the Holocaust* will be on display at New York City College of Technology, along with a series of related special events, from October 8 - November 13, 2021.

Based on extensive new research of that period, *Americans and the Holocaust* addresses important themes in American history, exploring the many factors — including the Great Depression, isolationism, xenophobia, racism and antisemitism — that influenced decisions made by the U.S. government, the news media, organizations and individuals as they responded to Nazism. This exhibition will challenge the commonly held assumptions that Americans knew little and did nothing about the Nazi persecution and murder of Jews as the Holocaust unfolded.

Drawing on a remarkable collection of primary sources from the 1930s and '40s, the exhibition focuses on the stories of individuals and groups of Americans who took action in response to Nazism. It will challenge visitors to consider the responsibilities and obstacles faced by individuals — from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to ordinary Americans — who made difficult choices, sought to effect change, and, in a few cases, took significant risks to help victims of Nazism even as rescue never became a government priority.

In addition to the traveling exhibition on loan, the Ursula C. Schwerin Library will receive a cash grant to support public programs.

To learn more about the exhibition, visit [ushmm.org/americans-ala](http://ushmm.org/americans-ala).

*Americans and the Holocaust: A Traveling Exhibition for Libraries* is an educational initiative of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association.

*Americans and the Holocaust* was made possible by the generous support of lead sponsor Jeannie & Jonathan Lavine. Additional major funding was provided by the Bildners — Joan & Allen z"l, Elisa Spungen & Rob, Nancy & Jim; and Jane and Daniel Och. The Museum's exhibitions are also supported by the Lester Robbins and Sheila Johnson Robbins Traveling and Special Exhibitions Fund, established in 1990.

### **About the Ursula C. Schwerin Library**

The Ursula C. Schwerin Library at New York City College of Technology (City Tech) fosters connections with and supports a diverse community of over 17,000 students, faculty, and staff in their academic pursuits. City Tech is part of the City University of New York (CUNY), the largest public urban university in the United States. For more information, visit [library.citytech.cuny.edu](http://library.citytech.cuny.edu).

### **About City Tech (New York City College of Technology)**

City Tech, of The City University of New York, is the largest four-year public college of technology in the Northeast and a national model for technological education. City Tech has an enrollment of more than 17,000 students in 29 baccalaureate and 27 associate degree programs and was recently ranked ninth among more than 2,000 U.S. institutions in overall economic mobility for its students ([equality-of-opportunity.org](http://equality-of-opportunity.org)). For more information, visit [citytech.cuny.edu](http://citytech.cuny.edu).

### **About the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum**

A living memorial to the Holocaust, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum inspires leaders and citizens worldwide to confront hatred, prevent genocide, and promote human dignity. The Museum's far-reaching educational programs and global impact are made possible by generous donors. For more information, visit [ushmm.org](http://ushmm.org).

### **About the American Library Association**

The American Library Association (ALA) is the foremost national organization providing resources to inspire library and information professionals to transform their communities through essential programs and services. For more than 140 years, the ALA has been the trusted voice for academic, public, school, government and special libraries, advocating for the profession and the library's role in enhancing learning and ensuring access to information for all. For more information, visit [ala.org](http://ala.org).

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