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Cal Poly’s Hillel to Remember Holocaust Through Week-long Event Series

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly’s Jewish cultural club, Hillel of San Luis Obispo, will remember the Holocaust with several on-campus events during the week of April 24. National Holocaust Remembrance Day is Tuesday, April 25.

Since the start of fall quarter in September, Hillel has been collecting pennies, with a goal of reaching 60,000 by Holocaust Remembrance Day. “Each penny symbolizes 1,000 Jewish lives lost in the Holocaust, and we are turning to the Cal Poly student body for the final collection push,” said Brooke Horn, Hillel’s community outreach intern. We plan to donate the approximately $600 we raise to the Save Darfur organization, which strives to end the genocide taking place in the Sudan.

Below is a list of the Holocaust Remembrance week events at Cal Poly:

- Monday, April 24: Educate Yourself - A display will be set up in the University Union Plaza area with information about the Holocaust. Hillel members will also distribute ribbons for people to wear during the week in honor of the victims.
- Tuesday, April 25: Reading of the Names - The names of the 6 million victims of the Holocaust will be read out loud in the UU Plaza and at Dexter Lawn. Volunteer readers are still being sought for this event, which will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 26: Now and Then - A display booth with facts and pictures from the Holocaust will be set up in the UU Plaza. A second booth, with information about the genocide taking place in Darfur, will be assembled on the lawn in front of the Dexter Building. The two booths will be connected with double-stick tape, which will include a timeline of other genocides that have taken place. Students and visitors will be asked to stick pennies on the tape to help raise money for Hillel’s ongoing penny drive.
- Thursday, April 27: “Paper Clips” – The documentary “Paper Clips” will be shown at 8 p.m. in Room 213 in the Business Building. This moving, award-winning documentary was made in small-town Whitwell, Tenn., by middle school students who collected 6 million paper clips in honor of the 6 million victims of the Holocaust as a way to teach tolerance.

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