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LBCC Hosts Holocaust Remembrance Month Events

The Diversity Achievement Center at Linn-Benton Community College will host several educational events to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Month throughout April.

The United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust. Holocaust Remembrance Day is Tuesday, April 22. This year's theme is *Never Again: What You Do Matters*.

Alter Wiener, a Holocaust Survivor, will speak on Tuesday, April 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the LBCC Forum, room F-104.

Wiener brings his story of survival of five forced labor camps before being liberated at the age of 15. At the time of his rescue, he weighed only 80 pounds. Wiener, a Portland, Oregon resident, brings to his audiences a message of the importance of education, tolerance and hope.

Wiener's autobiography, "From a Name to a Number," is a testimony to an unfolding of the tragedy that was taking place during WWII. Wiener shows the correlation between prejudice and the need for tolerance.

A series of Monday movies will also be shown throughout April from noon to 1 p.m. in the LBCC Diversity Achievement Center, Forum room 220. The movie "One Survivor Remembers," a documentary of the life of Gerda Weissmann who was liberated after six years of captivity, will be shown on Monday, April 13.

On Monday, April 20, the first half of the movie "The Long Way Home," the story of how Holocaust survivors struggled to rebuild their lives after liberation will be shown. The second half of the movie will be shown on Monday, April 27.

On Monday, April 21, Robert Harrison, LBCC History Faculty, will present the book "Hitler's Willing Executioners" by Daniel Goldhagen, which presents the argument that Germans not only knew about the Holocaust but that they willingly participated. Harrison will discuss Goldhagen's major ideas and the people who disagreed with him.

On Tuesday, April 29, at 2 p.m. in the Forum room 220, Callie Palmer, LBCC faculty, will present images and language that allowed the Holocaust to happen. She will show how connections between WWII and the Holocaust cast a light on the race situation in the United States.

These events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the LBCC Diversity Achievement Center at 541-917-4461.