



The Olga Lengyel Institute for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights

# Reclaiming Our Humanity: Lessons of the Holocaust

## An Interdisciplinary Inquiry into Teaching the Holocaust and Civil Rights

Jackson, Mississippi

June 15 – 19, 2020



Image from Gus Waterman Herrman Holocaust Memorial Garden, Beth Israel Congregation, Jackson, MS

TOLI's Mississippi seminar, ***Reclaiming Our Humanity***, asks educators to consider these questions: What makes us human? What happens when our humanity is threatened? In this writing and inquiry-based seminar, participants examine anti-Jewish laws and Jim Crow laws, make connections to human rights issues of today, and consider how to bring these difficult topics into the classroom using a pedagogy of hope. The seminar will invite participants to consider how music, art, and poetry are powerful tools of resistance. Connecting to the past can help our students gain insight about the present and consider how they might create an equitable future.

### Learning experiences include visits to:

- Beth Israel Congregation
- Mississippi Civil Rights Museum
- Medgar Evers' home

### Selected speakers include:

- Video survivor testimony by Irving Roth
- Mississippi Jewish leaders
- Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement
- Author Jo Ivester, *On the Outskirts of Hope*
- Theater experience with Sharon Miles, *Let it Shine: A Visit with Fannie Lou Hamer*

This seminar is offered **FREE** to educators through the generous support of our partners and includes:

- Most meals
- Selected books and teaching materials
- CEUs
- Membership in the TOLI Network
- Graduates can apply for TOLI \$1000 mini grant

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### Seminar Facilitators are part of the TOLI Leadership Program:

- Tracei Willis currently teaches in Starkville, Mississippi.
- Wendy Zagray Warren serves as TOLI's Satellite Seminar Coordinator.

"These are experiences I'll never forget."

"Thank you for the best professional development I've ever attended!"

"This seminar is a great way to bring the past and present to a meeting point."

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