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## NEWS RELEASE

### DEOMI RELEASES 2019 HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY 'DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE' POSTER

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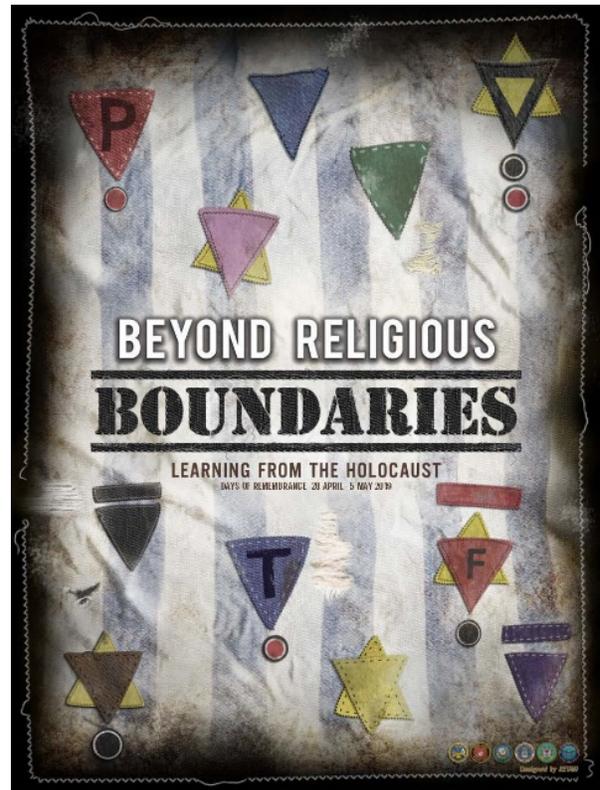
PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – In observance of the Holocaust Days of Remembrance, the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) proudly announces the availability of original artwork available for download from DEOMI's public website, [www.deomi.org](http://www.deomi.org).

This year, the Holocaust Days of Remembrance week will be observed from April 28 – 5 May, 2019. Holocaust Remembrance Day is Thursday, May 2, 2019. This is observed each year during the week of Remembrance that runs from the Sunday before Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah) through the following Sunday.

The theme for 2019 is "Learning from the Holocaust: Beyond Religious Boundaries."

The poster this year depicts an alternating blue and white vertically striped cloth typical of the pattern used in the uniforms worn by many holocaust prisoners. Situated on the background are various symbols used by the Nazi's to categorize their prisoners. Starting in 1938, Jews in the camps were identified by a yellow star sewn onto their prison uniforms, a perversion of the Jewish Star of David. After 1939, and with some variation from camp to camp, the categories of prisoners were easily identified by a marking system combining a colored inverted triangle with lettering. The badges sewn onto prisoner uniforms enabled guards to quickly identify prisoners based on their background.

For an explanation of the badges on this poster please visit <https://www.deomi.org/DownloadableFiles/humanRelations/documents/508-DOR-20190313.pdf>. For a complete listing of all the badges used during the Holocaust please visit <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/classification-system-in-nazi-concentration-camps>



The United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) <http://www.ushmm.org>, as a permanent, living memorial to those victims.

According to the USHMM, the Holocaust was the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews, as well as the millions of non-Jewish, by the Nazi regime and its collaborators. Holocaust is a word of Greek origin meaning "sacrifice by fire."

In 1980, Congress unanimously passed legislation to establish the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, which oversees the Museum.

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