

## Centropa at Barrack Proposal for Museum Exhibit

### Museum

Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy will host a museum exhibit created through a partnership between Centropa and our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.

The core of the exhibit will be structured around a series of Centropa panels focused on Jewish life in the area of Czechoslovakia. Our students will create a museum quality setting for these panels by researching and designing additional material to contextualize the Czech exhibit.

The exhibit will open with a community-wide evening event featuring public speakers, the dedication to **Igor Laufer**, and the screening of select student-made films.

### Student preparation

In the course of a study unit on the Shoah, students will research their families' stories and collect pictures of their lives before immigration to America. Students will scan family photos and documents to launch the ***Barrack Family Archives***.

Students will be given a variety of ways in which to contribute to the museum exhibit according to their areas of interest and skills.

### **Students will choose from among the following projects:**

- prepare brief films using provided technology and earlier family research documenting their family stories from this region
- prepare museum quality panels of family stories, or the towns from which they came
- research and prepare explanatory museum panels—these will be concise with limited text including, for example:
  - maps of a changing Europe
  - outbreak of WWII
  - Munich Conference
  - Timeline of Jewish life in this region

- Timeline of 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich
- Communism
- Post-Communism
- Laufer family panel
  
- serve as docents
  - to guide community guests in the evening
  - to guide student groups from the middle school
  
- provide design talents:
  - entrance banner
  - uniform panel template
  - public invitation
  - thank you panel
  
- music
  - students will research music of the era and esp. Jewish- Czech composers
  - provide live music during evening exhibit
  - consider creating a panel on music
  
- Art
  - incorporate our Tiles of Tolerance display
  
- Institutional Support**
- Development and Outreach
  - Seek community sponsorship
  - Seek a funder for an Eastern European Studies scholarship that could be awarded at the opening
  - Funding should be sought for the *Barrack Family Archives*
  - City-wide publicity
  - Outreach to local synagogues
  
- Technology
  - set up continuous loop of Centropa films
  - set up continuous loop of Barrack films
  - provide a design and support for creating a *Barrack Family Archive*