



Local teachers

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will be trained for Holocaust studies Leah Klein, a teacher at Princeton Junction School and Highland Park Middle School, and Tilghman Pitts, a teacher at The Hun School in Princeton, are two of 20 teachers from 17 cities who have been selected to participate in the Master Teacher Institute in Holocaust Education at the Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers University.

Klein teaches grades six through eight, and Pitts is a high school teacher specializing in Cold War history.

The institute trains educators in how to present Holocaust studies so that they can be a resource to other educators. Applicants to the program must have a minimum of three years of involvement with Holocaust and genocide education, and three years of teaching experience.

During the two-year program, teachers will create educational programs for their schools and districts, such as teacher education programs or "Tolerance Day." The first year will focus on key events in Holocaust history; and the following year on survivors and the representation of the Holocaust. The program uses film, literature, photography, art and survivor testimonies to instruct the teachers, who will later use them in their classrooms.

Participants will be taught by leading Holocaust scholars. They will tour Holocaust exhibits and have access to Rutgers faculty and resources.

For additional information about the Bildner Center visit jewishstudies.rutgers.edu or call (732) 932-2033.

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