Mrs. Abraham Torah High

**Syllabus: Holocaust Studies**

**Class Meeting Time:** Wednesday 8:30-9:10 AM

**Goals:**

* Students will appreciate the value of studying the events of the Holocaust as modern Jewish adolescents
* Students will understand the events of the holocaust within the context of the years 1933-1945 in Europe
* Students will analyze the experiences of various Jews within this time period through the use of primary and secondary sources – survivor accounts through text and video, footage of ghettos and concentration camps, textbooks written by venerable historians (*War and Genocide,* by Doris L. Bergen), and other resources from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

**Content:**

* A Brief History of Anti-Semitism
* Hitler’s Ideology and Rise to Power
* From Revolution to Routine: 1933-1938
* Open Aggression in Search of War: 1938-1939
* Experiments in Brutality: 1939-1940
* Expansion and Systemization: 1940-1941
* The Peak Years of Killing: 1942-1943
* Death Throes and Killing Frenzies: 1944-1945
* The Legacies of Atrocity: 1945-Present

**Assignments:**

* Assignments (worksheets, tests, quizzes, projects) will be announced in class and posted on Canvas. Expect at least one assignment per week.

\*All students must keep in mind that we are a classroom community, where we respect one another and often work collaboratively in groups or pairs. We will sharpen our social skills in class together as well!