

Dr. Murray Kohn, First Professor of Holocaust Studies at Stockton, to Be Honored at Retirement Reception May 4

Rabbi, Author and Holocaust Survivor Entered Auschwitz at Age 12

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Galloway Township, NJ - Dr. Murray Kohn, associate professor of Holocaust Studies at Stockton University and Rabbi Emeritus of Beth Israel Congregation of Vineland, NJ, will be honored on **Monday, May 4** at a reception in F Wing Atrium located adjacent to the Library on the main campus in Galloway. Dr. Kohn is retiring at the end of this academic year.

The reception is sponsored by the university's Department of Jewish Studies and will be held from 4 - 6 p.m. Dr. Michael Berenbaum, a world-renowned scholar and author who is the former project director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. and a former Ida E. King Distinguished Visiting Professor at Stockton, is expected to attend.

Dr. Kohn entered Auschwitz - Birkenau in November 1942, when he was 12 years old. He was freed on May 8, 1945, at Theresienstadt and came to the United States at the end of 1950.

He is a graduate of Brooklyn College and Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary and was ordained as Rabbi in 1959. He received his Doctorate in Jewish Literature from Jewish Teachers Seminary-People's University in New York City and his Doctorate in Divinity from Jewish Theological Seminary. He is also a Fellow of the Hebrew University.

Rabbi Kohn served in the pulpit for over 40 years, mostly at Beth Israel Congregation. He was the first professor of Holocaust Studies at what was then The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, and has continued teaching the undergraduate and the master's program as associate professor.

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He has authored many articles and studies in Hebrew, Yiddish and English on Holocaust, social and theological subjects. He published a volume in Hebrew, *The Holocaust as Reflected in Hebrew Poetry* in Jerusalem and an English edition, *The Voice of My Blood Cries Out*, in New York. A second and enlarged edition was published in 2004 and the following year, he published a new volume, *Is the Holocaust Vanishing?* and in 2008, *Thoughts and Afterthoughts*. A book of memoirs, *Weep Tears of Blood*, was published in 2010.

Please join us for a celebration in honor of Dr. Murray Kohn's 26 years of service and leadership in Holocaust and Jewish Studies.

For more information or to attend the event, please email Dr. Marcia Fiedler, assistant professor of Jewish Studies, at Marcia.Fiedler@Stockton.edu, or The Sam and Sara Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center, 609-652-4699.

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