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Professor of Holocaust Studies at the University of Florida delivered two presentations for the Days of Remembrance at Carlisle Barracks sponsored by the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute on April 29. First a keynote address and his presentation, Allied Grand Strategy and the Holocaust in World War II, to staff, faculty and students in Bliss Hall from 11:45 – 12:45 p.m. Then, Dr. Goda presents, At the Abyss: Private Jewish Responses to Mass Murder, at the Army Heritage and Education Center, which was open to the public.

Goda has served as a consultant to the U.S. and German governments, as well as for various radio, television, and film documentaries in the U.S., Europe and Israel. He is the Norman and Irma Braman Professor of Holocaust Studies at the University of Florida. His studies include modern European history and specialize in the history of the Holocaust, war crimes trials, and twentieth century diplomacy. Goda teaches courses on the Holocaust and Nazi Germany from historical and

interdisciplinary perspectives.

The Army Heritage and Education Center presentation framed the holocaust from a victim's perspective. This is an effort to elucidate on the idea that one is either a resistor or passive victim during mass murder/genocide/ethnocide. AHEC is located at 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle Pa. and sponsors numerous public lectures throughout the year which provide a historical dimension to commemorations such as the Days of Remembrance. In addition, the Army Heritage Trail is open dawn to dusk daily. For other events, specific hours of operation and more information please see [www.carlisle.army.mil/AHEC](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/AHEC)

The Bliss Hall session focused on the Allied/U.S. strategic responses to the Holocaust. This included decision making and strategic leadership components to highlight the challenge for national leaders confronted with an overwhelming problem set nested within a war.

The United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust, April 27–May 4. The internationally recognized date for Holocaust Remembrance Day corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar that marks the anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising in 1943. Nisan is the first month of the Jewish calendar.

Goda is the author of *Tomorrow the World: Hitler, Northwest Africa, and the Path toward America* (1998); *Tales from Spandau: Nazi Criminals and the Cold War* (2007); *The Holocaust: Europe, the World, and the Jews* (2013). He has also co-authored, with Richard Breitman, *US Intelligence and the Nazis* (2005) and *Hitler's Shadow: Nazi War Criminals, US Intelligence and the Cold War* (2010). He has published articles in various journals including the *Journal of Modern History*, *The International History Review*, and *The Journal of Contemporary History*, and his work has been the subject of stories by *The New York Times*, *Associated Press*, *US News and World Report* and other major news outlets.