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MEDIA RELEASE: *Fort Benning to observe Holocaust Days of Remembrance*

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FORT BENNING, Ga. – Maj. Gen. H. R. McMaster will give remarks and introduce the keynote speaker at Fort Benning’s observance of Holocaust Days of Remembrance at 11 a.m. April 8 at the National Infantry Museum.

The observance’s keynote speaker, Neil Block, will address this year’s theme, “Never Again: Heeding the Warning Signs.”

Block has served as the installation’s Jewish lay leader since 2001. A resident of Harris County, Ga., he retired from the U.S. Navy in 1990. Block volunteers with the Harris County Antioch Volunteer Fire Department, is a member of the advisory board of the House of Heroes Program and the Board of Trustees of Temple Israel in Columbus, Ga. He has served as the president for both boards.

The U.S. Congress established the Days of Remembrance to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust, and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent, living memorial to those victims.

Visitors to the National Infantry Museum will find the exhibit *Uncovering the Holocaust* in the World at War gallery. The exhibit is the centerpiece of this year’s Days of Remembrance observance.

The 2013 Holocaust Days of Remembrance are from April 7, “Yom Hashoah,” (Holocaust Remembrance Day), through April 14.

Days of Remembrance, celebrated each year during the month of April, are observed by state and local governments, military bases, workplaces, schools, churches, synagogues, and civic centers.

The public may attend the observance Monday. There is no admission fee and parking at the National Infantry Museum is free. Media who wish to cover this event must call the Public Affairs Office.

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