



2017 HOLOCAUST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RECIPIENT GREG ROBINSON

Greg Robinson heads the Department of Social Studies at Strathcona High School in Edmonton, Alberta. He has taught extensively on the Holocaust and has helped to bring talks by Holocaust survivors to the school.

YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION IN REVIEW

Greg's participation in the 2017 Holocaust Scholarship Program equipped him to design the lesson *The Holocaust by Bullets*, which can be incorporated into the Social Studies 20-1 program ("Perspectives on Nationalism), Social Studies 30-1 ("Perspectives on Ideologies") and Advanced Placement European History courses. The goal of the lesson is to educate students on several less known Holocaust killing sites. Many people believe that the mass murder of Jews during the Holocaust took place almost exclusively in Nazi extermination and/or concentration camps, whereas almost the same number of European Jews were killed in mass shooting incidents—mainly in territories of the former Soviet Union during 1941-44.



ONE OF THE BEST-KNOWN AND MOST EVOCATIVE IMAGES OF THE EINSATZGRUPPEN MURDERS THAT GREG USES IN HIS PRESENTATION ABOUT HOLOCAUST BY BULLETS

The lesson pays particular attention to the roles played by perpetrators, willing collaborators, forced participants and bystanders during the Holocaust. Specifically, the goal of the lesson is to give students a chance to reflect on the ethical choices made by various people involved with mass killings. To do so, students are presented with a dozen brief profiles of participants involved in 'the Holocaust by Bullets,' whose behaviour classifies them as a perpetrator, a collaborator, a coerced participant, or a bystander. Using the information provided, students are asked to determine the extent to which each of the listed individuals was at fault, assigning each person a number from 1 to 12 which indicates the degree to which his/her behaviour was morally reprehensible (1=least blameworthy; 12=most blameworthy).

As a head of the Department of Social Studies, Greg views it as his responsibility to advance Holocaust education at his school. Thanks to his efforts, five full lessons on the Holocaust are included in each of the Social Studies 20-1, Social Studies 30-1, and European History courses.

On February 20, 2018, Greg and Brian Pendlebury, also a 2017 CSYV Holocaust Scholarship recipient, brought a group of students to attend a *Righteous Among the Nations** recognition ceremony at the Beth Israel Synagogue in Edmonton. Greg believes it is imperative to show students the stories of these unique individuals who demonstrated exemplary bravery during the Holocaust.

On February 28, 2018, Greg took an active part in a Holocaust Education Day held at Strathcona High School. Eva Olsson, an Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen Survivor, addressed the entire school in a morning assembly. The address was followed with afternoon workshops

* *The title Righteous Among the Nations is awarded to non-Jewish individuals who risked their lives and the lives of their families to rescue Jews during the Holocaust.*



STRATHCONA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTENDING THE RIGHTEOUS AMONG THE NATIONS RECOGNITION CEREMONY IN EDMONTON.