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An Ongoing Story of Persecution and Resistance:

"Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals" presented alongside contemporary photo essay "Where Love is Illegal," September 11 – October 31, 2016 at the Henry and Sandra Friedman Holocaust Center for Humanity



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Left: *Solidarity*, by Richard Grune (1903-1983), lithograph, 1947. *Schwules Museum [Gay Museum], Berlin*. Grune was incarcerated for homosexuality by the Nazi state from 1934 to 1945. **Right:** D. & O., a lesbian couple from Russia, whose story is told in the photo exhibit *Where Love is Illegal*.

[Seattle, WA]: This fall, the Henry and Sandra Friedman Holocaust Center for Humanity will host two traveling exhibits, *Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals, 1933-1945* and *Where Love is Illegal*.

Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945 explores the rationale, means, and impact of the Nazi regime's persecution of homosexuals, which left thousands dead and shattered the lives of many more.

Where Love is Illegal is a photo exhibit that takes an in-depth look at contemporary instances of abuse and intolerance faced by LGBTQI people around the world. The photos are accompanied by the subjects' first-hand stories of discrimination, survival, and hope.

The Holocaust Center for Humanity encourages visitors to take action against injustice and stand up for the rights of all people. "The Holocaust is the story of persecution not only of Jews, but of gay men, Roma and Sinta (gypsies), Jehovah's Witnesses, the disabled – anyone the Nazis deemed 'inferior,'" said Baral Family Executive Director Dee Simon. "We use these stories and lessons from the Holocaust as a teaching tool to inspire students to speak out against intolerance and hatred in their own communities."

Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945 is a traveling exhibition produced by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. *Where Love is Illegal* is a photo essay of award-winning photographer and human rights activist Robin Hammond.

The exhibits will be on display September 11-October 31, on Wednesdays and Sundays from 10:00am-4:00pm. Reservations can be made online at www.HolocaustCenterSeattle.org.

ABOUT THE CENTER: Connecting lessons of the Holocaust to a broad range of relevant themes for our time, from bullying to social justice, the Holocaust Center for Humanity teaches students to become engaged citizens and to speak out against bigotry and prejudice. The Center works with teachers, students, and community groups across the Northwest to provide educational materials, curriculum, and interaction with local Holocaust survivors who tell their stories to 20,000 students of all ages each year. In 2015, the Center opened its museum to the public. 17,000 visitors toured exhibits during the 2015-2016 school year.

The Center's mission is to inspire teaching and learning for humanity in the schools and communities of this region through study of the Holocaust. Find out more at HolocaustCenterSeattle.org.