

Dear Parent/Guardian(s):

As part of our Language Arts unit of study, 8th grade students have the opportunity to attend a field trip to:

**The Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies  
The Middle School Learning Through Experience Program  
Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Theatre at RVCC**

Students will eat lunch upon our return to RMS. Students **MUST** bring a bag lunch to school. There will not be an option to buy school lunch that day.

Students will see three presentations:

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### **TOVA FRIEDMAN**

Survivor of the Holocaust

Tova Friedman miraculously survived Auschwitz with her mother at the age of 6 1/2. Her experience and that of her friends were published in, *Surviving Auschwitz*, edited by Milton J Nieuwsma. She appeared on TV and has a number of interviews on YouTube. Tova came to the U.S. at age 12. She received a B.A. in psychology from Brooklyn College, an M.A. in Black Literature from the City College of New York and a M.A. in Social Work from Rutgers University. She taught at Hebrew University and was the director of Jewish Family Services for over 20 years. Tova shares her story with students, at public & private schools, at colleges and places of worship, and prisons. Tova is married for 60 years, a mother of four children and a grandmother of 8 grandchildren.

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### **DANIEL TRUST**

Survivor of the Rwandan Genocide

Daniel Trust is the President and CEO of Daniel Trust Foundation, an award-winning youth development nonprofit organization that provides mentorship and financial support to disadvantaged students and their teachers in Bridgeport, CT and New York, NY. Daniel is a survivor of the Rwandan Genocide and he immigrated to the United States as a refugee at the age of 15. Daniel is a proud member of the LGBTQ community. As an international speaker, Daniel has spoken to thousands of people in Asia and at high schools, colleges, and conferences throughout the United States.

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### **MIGUEL ANGEL RODRIGUEZ**

Think Kindness Team

Miguel is a first generation Mexican-American Entrepreneur and Public Speaker. Miguel has spoken to over 300 schools across the country sharing his story and spreading the message of love, kindness, and embracing ones diversity. Miguel uses a mixture of story telling, spoken word, and high energy music to captivate and inspire his audience. He is also a part of the Think Kindness Team. Their mission is to spread Kindness throughout schools and communities around the world.

**Please return to your Homeroom Teacher by March 13, 2020.**

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
PARENT PERMISSION/CONSENT FORM**

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has permission to go on the school-sponsored trip to Raritan Valley Community College Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies *The Middle School Learning Through Experience Program* on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:00am- 12:30pm. I understand that students will be under the supervision of a teacher and that transportation will be provided. Students will leave RMS at 8:45 am and will return to school at approximately 12:45am.

**Students will eat lunch upon our return to RMS. Students must bring a bag lunch to school. There will not be an option to buy school lunch that day.**

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Parent Signature

Date