



THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

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Deborah Batiste
Project Director, *Echoes and Reflections*, Anti-Defamation League

Dear Deborah:

I want to thank you and Ed Alster as well as the Yad Vashem staff and lecturers for a spectacular program. The program was rigorous and efficient; not one second was wasted so that the whole week was educational, immensely worthwhile.

I have been studying and teaching the Holocaust for a number of years but I still learned something new from each of the lecturers that has enriched my knowledge of the Holocaust. Moreover, the tour of the Yad Vashem facility—the museum and the grounds—provides me with an even better understanding of the Holocaust. I took a number of photographs there that I will be able to share with my students when we talk about the Avenue of the Righteous, Janus Korczak, Dan Pagis's poem "Lines Written in Pencil in a Sealed Boxcar," or the children who were killed during the Holocaust.

I was especially pleased to learn more about the *Echoes and Reflections* multimedia curriculum. I will be using this curriculum in a number of ways. On February 6, 2009, we are having a workshop with 75 local teachers to familiarize them with this curriculum; Shulamit Imber will be coming from Yad Vashem to facilitate this workshop. The two other New Jersey teachers and I will be meeting on February 17, 2009, with Dr. Paul Winkler, Director of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education to discuss dissemination of *Echoes and Reflections* in a statewide venue. I teach undergraduate and graduate students in Stockton's Holocaust and Genocide Program, so I will be using sections of the curriculum to supplement my teaching. In addition, we are planning to host the exhibit *The Heroic Present: The Gypsy Photographs of Jan Yoors* that one of my colleagues from the Yad Vashem trip, Dr. Catherine Lewis, will be funding through an NEH grant. Along with this exhibit we are planning another workshop on the *Echoes and Reflections* curriculum.

Thank you again for inviting me to participate in the winter seminar. I am grateful to the ADL, Yad Vashem, and the donors who made this possible. *Echoes and Reflections* is a wonderful curriculum and I look forward to teaching others with and about this curriculum.

Sincerely,

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