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# Holocaust is subject of lecture

## Series focuses on adult education

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LAGRANGEVILLE - Ed Ginsberg and his wife, Deanna Sandor, had no idea of the impact their trip to Eastern Europe would have on them.

Ginsberg and Sandor, both residents of Chappaqua, Westchester County, visited Holocaust memorials and sites during their visit this past summer.

That trip was the topic of the presentation they gave Sunday at Congregation Shir Chadash in LaGrange.

During their trip, they visited places such as the Auschwitz concentration camp and the Warsaw ghetto, both in Poland, along with other sites in Austria, the Czech Republic and Germany. Ginsberg, who is a member of the congregation, documented the entire event with photographs. Ginsberg used PowerPoint to show those pictures during his presentation.

"It was a very powerful experience for us," Ginsberg said.

Sandor said: "I almost had to walk with my eyes closed. It was too much to watch."

Rabbi Daniel Polish said the lecture was part of an adult education program the parish runs one Sunday every month.

Polish said the program usually centers on topics related to social issues, such as health care and politics.

"We have a responsibility to continue their ongoing education," Polish said of the adult education program.

During his lecture, Ginsberg brought up the fact there have been a number of films and books about the Holocaust.

He wondered if it was causing people to take the atrocity for granted.

Michael Rothman, board president of Congregation Shir Chadash, said it was important for every different account and perspective of the Holocaust to be recorded, because many of the people who were alive during the Holocaust are now dying.

"In a short number of years, all that's going to be left are the things that have been recorded," Rothman said.

## HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

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Ed Ginsberg of Chappaqua in Westchester County, a former teacher at Arlington High School, is silouetted against a photograph he took of a Holocaust memorial in Budapest, Hungary, while giving a presentation on the Holocaust for congregation Shir Chadash Sunday, January, 18, 2009, in the congregation's interim home at the Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church in the Town of LaGrange. The memorial, replicas of shoes made of metal, marks the site where Jewish men, women and children were shot and thrown into the Danube River.



