

## **Lessons Of The Holocaust at Spirit Lake Public Library**

Join member of the Iowa Holocaust Council and educator Brad Wilkening as he talks about Lessons of the Holocaust at the Spirit Lake Public Library on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wilkening will address how people can apply lessons of the Holocaust in today's world where immoral acts are still happening. He started teaching in 1975 and has done extensive studies of the Holocaust since 2009.

Wilkening finds the need for Holocaust education and the lessons people can learn from it more relevant now than ever. Inhumanity occurs around the world almost daily and he wants to make a difference in the lives of as many people as he can reach. "After this event (Holocaust) we said 'NEVER AGAIN,' yet there are numerous places today where genocide is happening. We as individuals must do our part to help humanity survive the inhumanity that some have toward others," said Wilkening. His goal is to teach people that they need to create a safer more caring environment.

Wilkening's presentation will have 20 minutes of how he got involved in studying the Holocaust and the history. Then 20 minutes of stories from survivors and a 20 minute video of Wilkening talking to a survivor. There will be time at the end of the program to ask questions and make comments.

Wilkening started teaching in 1975 and has taught at more than 5 schools in the area. He has studied the topic intensively and in 2011 he was one of 35 people selected for a class at Columbia University and again in 2017 he was one of only 35 people to go to a class in Newark sponsored by the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous.

Wilkening will present his program at the Spirit Lake Public Library on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend, no pre-registration is necessary. For more information, visit his website at <https://sites.google.com/site/lessonsoftheholocaust/> or contact the library at 336-2667.