

Holocaust survivor exhibit coming to BC3 @ Lawrence Crossing

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(New Castle, PA) The Henry Kinast Holocaust Survivor exhibit will be on display at BC3 @ Lawrence Crossing from Feb. 10-24.

The exhibit will feature eight panels featuring photographs of and narratives from Kinast, a Jewish native of Poland who was imprisoned in Buchenwald concentration camp near Weimar, Germany.

“This tool depicts what Mr. Kinast as a child suffered through and the successful life, family and business he built,” according to Bobbie Ann Dunn, a social work and sociology instructor at BC3 and at Youngtown State University.



Sean Carroll, director of BC3 @ Lawrence Crossing, left, is shown Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017, with BC3 instructor Bobbie Ann Dunn and Jesse McClain, the Holocaust Education Specialist with the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation.

The mobile Holocaust exhibit is made possible by the Kinast family, The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown, and the Center for Judaic and Holocaust studies at Youngstown State University, Dunn said.

The display will also include four 15- to 20-minute videos that will play on a continuous loop on a television in the lobby of BC3 @ Lawrence Crossing. Videos will feature Kinast and other Holocaust survivors who moved to Youngstown, and teens discussing research on the Holocaust.

“We are thrilled to be able to host the Henry Kinast Holocaust Survivor exhibit at Lawrence Crossing,” said Sean Carroll, director of BC3 @ Lawrence Crossing. “It is a great opportunity not only for our students but also community members to come in and see the struggles that so many endured and to marvel in the strength and determination of people like Mr. Kinast and others who survived such unimaginable hardships. A huge thank you to Bobbie Ann Dunn for coordinating this effort in bringing the exhibit here.”

Dunn said it is her desire to increase educational opportunities on BC3’s campus and in the community.

“Mr. Kinast is a local hero and it does us all well to know our neighbors and broaden our knowledge base at the same time,” Dunn said. “I hope everyone takes a few minutes and visits this free exhibit in their backyard.”

The lobby of BC3 @ Lawrence Crossing, 2849 W. State St., New Castle, is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, call (724) 658-1938.