



DEANNE SCHERLIS COMER'S career and passion in the field of Holocaust education spans more than four decades. In 1974, she served as a coordinator for the First International Conference on Teaching the Lessons of the Holocaust under the aegis of JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council) and the Philadelphia Coordinating Council on the Holocaust. For thirty years, Deanne has served as a member of the Pennsylvania Holocaust Education Council, which received funding to provide teacher training to school districts statewide. Deanne has performed numerous other significant leadership roles, including: board member of the Interfaith Council on the Holocaust; vice-chair of the Youth

Symposium sponsored by JCRC and the Catholic Archdiocese; co-coordinator of the Shippensburg University Teachers' Summer Workshop: Teaching the Lessons of the Holocaust; diversity trainer, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith "World of Difference" program; president of the American Jewish Congress/Eleanor Roosevelt Chapter and board member of JSPAN: the Jewish Social Policy Action Network.

Deanne taught for twenty-five years in the Abington (PA) School District (ASD) where, in 1980, she chaired the culturally-diverse Upper Elementary Holocaust Education Curriculum Committee. Under her guidance, ASD was the first school district in Pennsylvania to create and exhibit forty tiles for the new Children's Wall of Remembrance at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. ASD's Holocaust Curriculum has received citations from both houses of the PA State Legislature for its trailblazing role in Holocaust education. *(continued on reverse side)*

In her role as educational consultant to HAMEC, Deanne developed and coordinated training sessions for 200 teachers and librarians to update and expand their knowledge of the history and events of the Holocaust. Deanne is also the writer/director of the four-part award winning DVD series: *Voices of Holocaust History* and is currently producing a new documentary about the legacy of Holocaust education for future generations. She has lectured extensively on this subject and received numerous awards for her innovative work, including the PA Holocaust Education Council Janusz Korczak Award for Teaching Excellence, House of Representatives and Senatorial Citations, and the Inter-Group Harmony Award from the Human Relations Council of Montgomery County. Her published articles related to Holocaust education have appeared in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Jewish Exponent*, *Philadelphia Jewish Voice*, *The Times Chronicle* and *PA Council of Social Studies Journal*.

Deanne was married for forty years to the late Asher James Comer and is the proud mother of Victoria Dordick (Jeffrey), Suzanne Fanaroff (Michael), and has three grand-children, Alexandra Myers, Daniel Fanaroff and Jamie Fanaroff.