

# Holocaust Remembrance Day: Watchdog Organization will Educate Floridians on Human Rights Violations

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TAMPA, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, December 24, 2018 / EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Citizens Commission on Human Rights](#) (CCHR) of Florida, a nonprofit mental health watchdog organization dedicated to eradicating psychiatric abuses, will be participating in an event to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Sunday, January 27, 2019 held the Church of Scientology in Tampa, Florida.



International Holocaust Remembrance Day

The anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, January 27th, was designated International Holocaust Remembrance Day by the United Nations General Assembly with the intention to not only honor the victims of the Nazi era but to also encourage the development of educational programs to prevent future genocides.

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While most people are aware of the murder of millions of Jews during World War II, many have no idea that before the Nazi regime even came to power German psychiatrists proposed the extermination of mental health patients and developed processes and systems to murder patients by the thousands with euthanasia, including eugenically sterilizing patients. Organized psychiatry implemented 6 psychiatric facilities that aimed and succeeded in the killing of 100,000 German mental patients. These psychiatric facilities provided the training, personnel, and technologies to create the mass extermination camps for the Holocaust. [1]

“By labeling citizens as mentally ill, German psychiatrists help perpetrate one of the darkest moments in human history and today we must be ever watchful that this is never allowed to happen again,” said the president of the Florida chapter of CCHR, Diane Stein. [2]

The United States allows for involuntary psychiatric examination in every state and during 2017 there were almost 200,000 such examinations, known as a [Baker Act](#), in Florida alone. Psychiatrists and other mental health professionals have been given the power to use law

enforcement to have any man, woman or child, no matter their age, taken into custody and transported to a mental health facility against their will if they believe the person is mentally ill. This power is granted despite the fact that there is no [scientific test for mental illness](#) and mental illness labels and disorders are simply voted into existence by psychiatrists and placed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. These disorders are nothing more than the opinion of the very same people who profit off of mental health labels. [3] [4]

During the event CCHR hopes to raise social consciousness by connecting people to the inhumanity of the Holocaust and other human rights violations by providing education and community outreach in order to ensure future generations never forget. The free event begins with refreshments and a performance by international Israeli singer Ms. Judy Bechar, who performed a special song in memory of the victims of this horrific period in history. Doors open at 3:00pm and anyone interested in attending is asked to please call (727) 442-8820.

About CCHR: Initially established by the Church of Scientology and renowned psychiatrist Dr. Thomas Szasz in 1969, CCHR's mission is to eradicate abuses committed under the guise of mental health and enact patient and consumer protections. L. Ron Hubbard, founder of Scientology, first brought psychiatric imprisonment to wide public notice: "Thousands and thousands are seized without process of law, every week, over the 'free world' tortured, castrated, killed. All in the name of 'mental health,'" he wrote in March 1969. For more information visit [www.cchrflorida.org](http://www.cchrflorida.org).

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