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"German-Jewish Relations Today – 70 Years after the Liberation of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp"

The Greater Nashua Holocaust Remembrance Committee presents a Holocaust Remembrance Day interfaith observance, sponsored by Rivier University in conjunction with Temple Beth Abraham, at 7 p.m. in the Dion Center Reception Room on Clement Street in Nashua, N.H. on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

Featured speaker: Rolf E. Schütte, Consul General of Germany to the New England States

Diplomat, scholar and author Schütte will discuss the Holocaust's role in the identity of today's Germans and relations between Germans and Jews and between Germany and Israel.



Photo: Rolf E. Schütte, Consul General of Germany to the New England States

Rolf E. Schütte has been the German Consul General for the New England States in Boston since August 2012. Former diplomatic assignments abroad took him to Moscow, Tel Aviv, and the United Nations in New York, Rome, and San Francisco. Previously, he held several positions in the German Foreign Office in Bonn and Berlin, including an assignment as Deputy Director for Middle East Affairs.

During a sabbatical, Mr. Schütte spent a few months as a visiting scholar at the American Jewish Committee headquarters in New York working on a publication about German-Jewish relations, a subject which is very personal to him and one on which he gives many talks. Mr. Schütte spoke at the 2012 Yom HaShoah observance at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

Schütte studied at Goettingen University (Germany), Ohio University in Athens and The Johns Hopkins University Bologna Center (Italy). He speaks German, English, Russian, Italian and French.

A question-and-answer session and a candle-lighting ceremony memorializing the victims of the Holocaust will follow the presentation. A photography display, "A History of the Holocaust," distributed by the Anti-defamation League of B'nai B'rith, will be on display in the Dion Center Reception Room from 6 p.m. through 9 p.m.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, please call Sheryl Rich-Kern from the Holocaust Committee at (603) 881-7264 or email <u>sherylrichkern@gmail.com</u>.

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