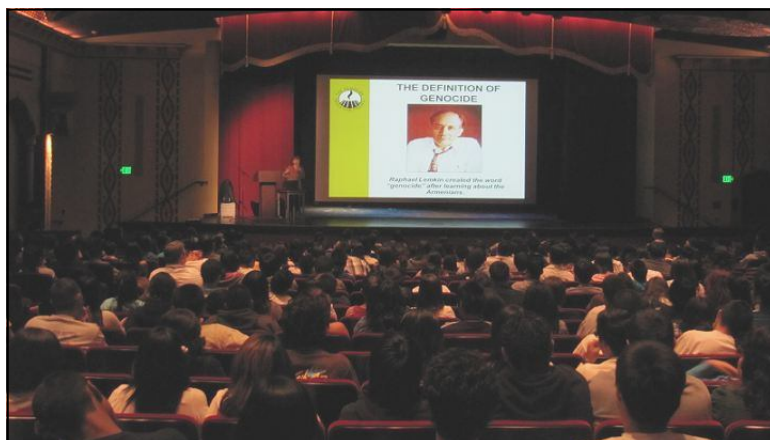


## GenEd and AGBU-YPLA Address Ambassador School Students

Five hundred middle and high school students at the Ambassador School of Global Leadership in Los Angeles, CA learned about the Armenian Genocide in April at a special assembly program presented by The Genocide Education Project (GenEd) and the Armenian General Benevolent Union Young Professionals of Los Angeles (AGBU-YPLA).



Suzanne Douzmanian, GenEd's Southern California Regional Coordinator, led the discussion. She examined the political and historical context of the Armenian Genocide as part of the continuum of genocides of the 20th century. Douzmanian also incorporated an examination of the historical journey of her own grandparents, survivors of the Armenian Genocide, into the discussion.

## GenEd Delivers Keynote at Holocaust Remembrance in Florida

Sara Cohan, Education Director of The Genocide Education Project, was the keynote speaker at an annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program in May hosted by the Holocaust Education Resource Council at Tallahassee Community College in Tallahassee, Florida. The event's theme was "Justice and Accountability in the Face of Genocide: What have we learned?" Cohan shared her own family's story as survivors of the Armenian Genocide and detailed the history of the term "genocide," introduced by Raphael Lemkin, in part as a result of his study of the Turkish atrocities against Armenians. She also discussed the growth of international courts to prosecute perpetrators of genocide.

For more details about these events: [www.GenocideEducation.org/pr](http://www.GenocideEducation.org/pr)

## GenEd - Armenia Partnership

Dr. Hayk Demoyan, Director of the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute (AGMI) in Armenia is the newest member of The Genocide Education Project Advisory Board.

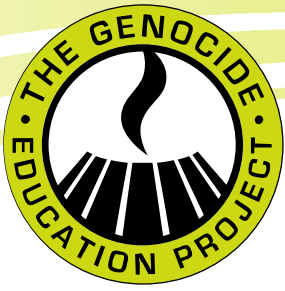
*"We look forward to working together to develop relevant instructional materials based on AGMI collections and to enhance the accessibility of those materials for secondary level students,"* said Raffi Momjian, Executive Director of The Genocide Education Project.

Beginning with a 2010 visit to the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute by GenEd's Education Director, Sara Cohan, the two organizations have shared information regarding effective approaches to teaching students about genocide, both in the classroom and through the museum experience. The organizations will explore ways to expand teaching of the Armenian Genocide in Armenia and the United States.

*"Our collaboration with The Genocide Education Project represents the intersection of our mutual mission to raise awareness within the international community about the first major genocide of the 20th century, and to help ensure that the next generation has learned about this crime against humanity,"* said Dr. Demoyan.



Dr. Hayk Demoyan (center) with GenEd Executive Director, Raffi Momjian and board member, Roxanne Makasdjian, during a meeting at the Museum-Institute in Yerevan, Armenia



A student at Lick Wilmerding High School in San Francisco, after a GenEd presentation...

*"I've never thought of myself as a continuation of history before... However, in the case of the Armenian Genocide, [GenEd] made me realize that we... are the ones who have to continue to pass on what we know about Armenia."*

## Rhode Island Curriculum Near Completion

As part of a Rhode Island Council for the Humanities grant awarded to The Genocide Education Project, GenEd is nearing completion of a package of instructional materials highlighting the history of Rhode Island Armenian-Americans who immigrated to the State after escaping the Armenian Genocide. A first-person narrated documentary, accompanied by lesson plans, has been produced. Teacher training workshops are scheduled for 2012.



*Focus group session held by GenEd with Rhode Island teachers to obtain their feedback on educational materials we are developing*

## Upcoming Conferences

### **ANC-WR "Grassroots" Conference** (Los Angeles, CA)

The three-day program on November 25-27 is the first such conference hosted by the Armenian National Committee-Western Region (ANC-WR). The purpose of the conference is to educate the community about the importance of individuals working at the grassroots level.

GenEd Executive Director, Raffi Momjian, and Education Director, Sara Cohan, will be part of a panel discussion on education, and will discuss how community members can work with their local educational institutions to include the Armenian Genocide in their curriculum.

### **NCSS Conference** (Washington, D.C.)

GenEd will host an exhibit at the annual conference of the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS), December 2-4. NCSS is the largest organization in the U.S. devoted solely to social studies education. This year, GenEd will also participate in a roundtable discussion on human rights at the conference's meeting of the NCSS International Assembly, a forum promoting links among educators to enrich social studies learning that incorporates global perspectives.

## GenEd and you... forging ahead!

We are well into the 2011-12 school year and we are poised to meet this year's goals: developing resources and training teachers in Rhode Island; working with the State of California's Superintendent of Schools to support the challenges educators face in teaching about the Armenian Genocide; and helping individual teachers across the country with their particular classroom needs. We are committed to making sure the Armenian Genocide finds its rightful place in America's classrooms. As I witness GenEd's impact, I am optimistic the history of the Armenian Genocide will be taught for generations to come.

The only way for us to ensure our goals are met is to continue to receive support from individuals like you who believe in our mission—that every student graduates from high school with knowledge of the Armenian Genocide and the pattern of genocides that followed. If we are to keep the memory of those who perished during the Armenian Genocide alive, we must continue this work.

### ***What role will you play in ensuring this work will continue?***

I urge you to take part in our success by supporting GenEd with your financial contribution. If you have supported us in the past, thank you! We hope you will continue to contribute, so we can build on our success.

Forging ahead together, we are creating a generation of leaders who are learning the lessons of the past, fighting historical revisionism and building a better future.

Sincerely,

Raffi Momjian  
Executive Director

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