

# Museum of History and Holocaust Education Collections Policy

## Overview

The Museum of History and Holocaust Education (MHHE) was founded in 2003 with the mission “to presents public events, exhibits and educational resources focused on World War II and the Holocaust in an effort to promote education and dialogue about the past and its significance today.” The museum collects items in the form of donations, purchases, or bequests for exhibition or educational purposes. The teaching collection may be loaned to other museums and educational institutions for temporary exhibitions or research projects. This material will not be accessioned, although records of its receipt and disposition will be maintained. Items in the MHHE Collection shall relate directly to the mission, vision, and purposes of the museum and shall be used solely for exhibitions, research, public programing, publications, and exhibition loans.

## Historical Significance

The MHHE collection preferences historical significance. Historical significance is judged based on an object’s association with events that occurred between 1933 and 1945 that relate to the Holocaust and World War II. We are especially interested in documenting the experiences of veterans, home front workers, and Holocaust survivors (as well as those who did not survive).

## Educational Potential

The MHHE considers objects for inclusion in our collection only if they may be used for educational purposes. These purposes include but are not limited to display in an exhibition, travel to schools through the Traveling Trunk program and inclusion in an on-site or off-site educational presentation. Objects that cannot be handled or cannot stand up to the requirements of display may be reproduced digitally but will not be preserved in our educational collection.

## Relationship to Georgia

All else being equal, items under consideration will also be judged based on their relationship to Georgia. For the purpose of our educational programs related to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies standards and permanent exhibitions, we are most interested in veterans who came from Georgia or spent time in Georgia military bases and other installations. Similarly, we are especially interested in objects associated with Holocaust survivors who eventually came to make their homes in Georgia.

## Criteria for Loans

The MHHE will consider accepting a short-term loan of an object from an individual or another institution for exhibition purposes if the object meets all of the above criteria but the lender has a vested interest in maintaining ownership of the property. This is a particularly good option for objects of personal significance (including those connected with Legacy Series Oral History program

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participants) where owners would prefer that the objects be used for a single purpose and then returned with their condition minimally affected. Loans will only be considered for specific exhibits or educational programs.