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## **Child Survivor of Holocaust to Speak at NIM**

*Ft. Benning's annual Days of Remembrance observance set for April 20*

**Columbus, Georgia – April 17, 2017:** Hershel Greenblat, a child survivor of the Holocaust, will be the guest speaker at Fort Benning's annual Days of Remembrance observance. The event will be held in the National Infantry Museum's theater at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 20, 2017.

Greenblat spent the first two years of his life hidden with his parents and other Jews in the extensive network of caves under the wheat fields of the Ukraine. They lived in constant fear of discovery, and had to forage for food from nearby farms. After the war, the family lived in displaced persons camps, where Greenblat attended school and learned English. He recalls the excitement of receiving Hershey bars from American Soldiers, who he described as the kindest people he'd ever met.

There will be children's artwork commemorating the Holocaust on display in the theater lobby, and McBride Elementary School students will conduct a candle lighting ceremony.

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*The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center, a 155-acre tract linking Columbus, Georgia, and the Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, is the first world-class site to pay tribute to the U.S. Army Infantryman and those who fight alongside him. Voted the #1 Free Museum in America in the 2016 USA Today Readers' Choice Awards, the museum showcases the contributions of the Infantry Soldier in every war fought by the U.S. by offering immersive participation and engaging visitors in the unique experiences of the Infantry Soldier. The complex also includes a parade field, memorial walk of honor, authentic World War II Company Street, Vietnam Memorial Plaza, combat simulators, a full-service restaurant and a Giant Screen Theater. For more information, visit [www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org](http://www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org).*