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## Do not let students forget about Holocaust

To the Editor:

Sunday, April 27, is the memorial day for the millions who were victims in the Holocaust.

The Holocaust was history's greatest horror. Between 1941 and 1945 the Nazis, who controlled Germany, were trying to take over Europe, murdered 6 million

Jews — two thirds of Europe's Jewish population. It should be realized that those in other groups, approximately 5 million, were exterminated, including gypsies, Jehovah's Witnesses, the mentally disabled, the physically handicapped, political opponents, homosexuals and other deemed "unworthy of life."

When people forget their past, that past loses the very essence of its importance. Unfortunately, most people worldwide know little about the Holocaust.

Ignorance of the facts represents the grossest injustice to those who were abused, humiliated, ostracized, tortured and exterminated. This is why genocide studies are required in New Jersey and many other state school systems. No educational system remains educational when it contributes to such an omission.

Despite the pain, despite the horror, we must never forget and we must never let it happen again.

To quote philosopher George Santayana: "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

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