## UNDER THE FLOORBOARDS - HIDDEN ART OF THE HOLOCAUST A 60-minute Visual Lecture on the Subject of Clandestine Art Made by Inmates Inside Nazi Concentration Camps

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Inmates of concentration camps made thousands of clandestine drawings and paintings – each one revealing a human dimension – providing us with a rare glimpse of the daily existence in the camps and of the constant personal torment.

Though only a small number of inmates were indeed artists, many of them chose to make art in secrecy, even at the risk of getting caught, which was most often punishable by death.

The subject of clandestine art made inside concentration camps is somewhat hard to believe, and rarely heard of or talked about. **Professor Dennis' lecture is a rare opportunity to see and hear about a unique dimension of the Holocaust.** 

Through images of the many drawings and paintings, including graphic photographs, Professor Dennis discusses the concentration camp system, the selection process, forced labor, roll call, starvation, the smuggling of art supplies, and the incredible story of an art studio and museum at Auschwitz. **The material though often graphic is moving, touching, and inspiring.** 



ABOVE IMAGE: Artist: Josef Szajna Waiting to be Called for Execution 1944, Buchenwald, pencil on paper, 8x13"



**Marc Dennis** is an award-winning professor, Holocaust researcher and internationally recognized artist.

He has offered his **60-minute lecture** on the Holocaust at such institutions as; The National World War II Museum, New Orleans, LA; Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; Elmira College, Elmira, NY; Glen Cove Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, Glen Cove, Long Island, NY, including many synagogues and churches. He has also conducted research at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Jerusalem, Israel.

His paintings are in numerous private and public collections around the world and his work has been reviewed in the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Economist, Art News, The Chicago Tribune, The Boston Globe, The Forward, Jewish Week, and Town & Country magazine. He is also currently working on a short film of Holocaust survivor. *Marc Dennis can be reached at 718-614-9472 or via email: marc@marcdennis.com*