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Vincent Marmorale taught social studies in the Sachem School District for 33 years. He was responsible for establishing and implementing the Holocaust Studies Program and created workshops on Prejudice Reduction and the Holocaust on the local, state, and national levels.

In 1986, the New York State Board of Regents awarded Mr. Marmorale the Louis E. Yavner Award for outstanding contributions in the fields of Holocaust Studies and other violations of human rights. Mr. Marmorale was appointed Chair of the New York State Council for the Social Studies Human Rights Committee in 1993 and still holds that position. In 1996, the Order of Sons of Italy of New York State recognized Mr. Marmorale's contributions to Holocaust Studies and appointed him Chair to its Commission for Social Justice Holocaust Memorial Committee, a position he continues to hold.

It was Mr. Marmorale's chance meeting with Holocaust survivor, Walter Wolff, which first shed light on the story of the role of the Italian people played in protecting and saving tens of thousands of Jewish lives. Mr. Marmorale has since traveled to Italy many times to research and promote the little-known story of the saving of Jews in Italy. He has met with the President of Italy and Pope Benedict XVI. He participated in a symposium with Holocaust survivors in Benevento, Italy and visited two internment camps in Campagna and Ferramonti. This extensive research is part of the documentary project. It is the culmination of a lifelong passion to understand the moral imperatives from studying the Holocaust.

Mr. Marmorale is a graduate of Oklahoma City University and earned a master's degree in sociology-education from Long Island University C.W. Post.

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