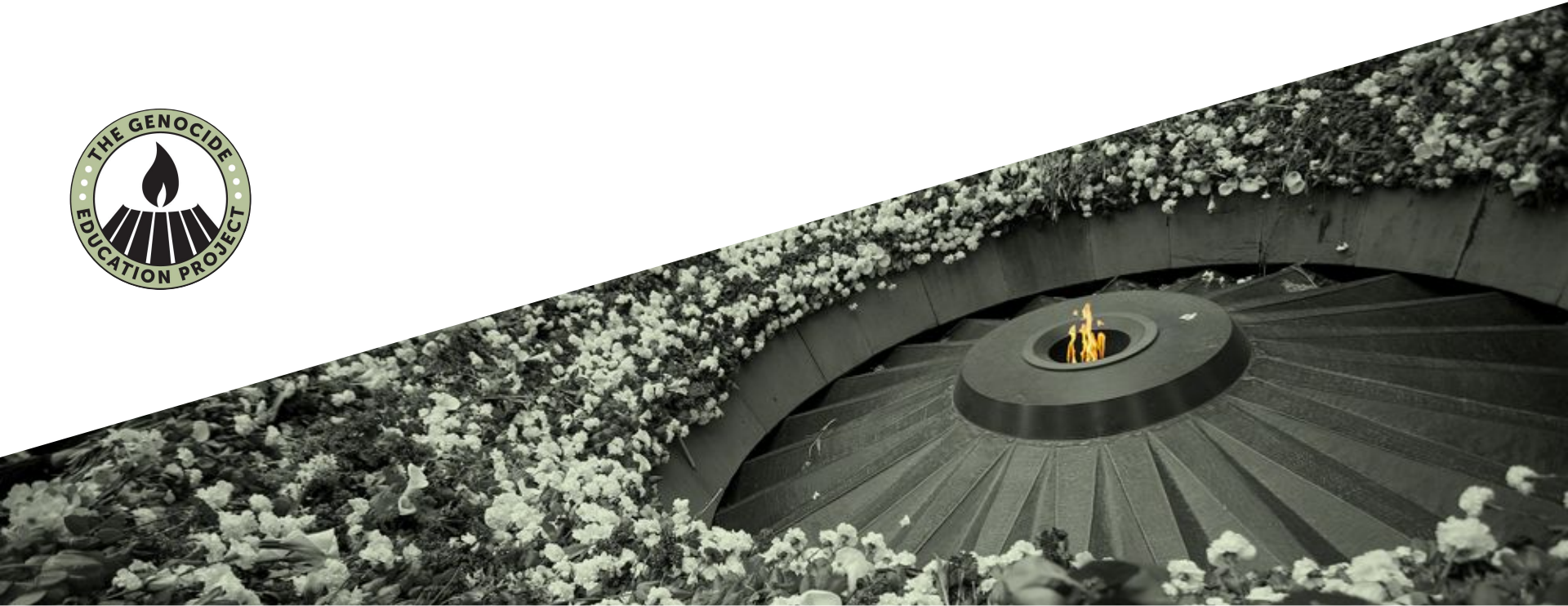
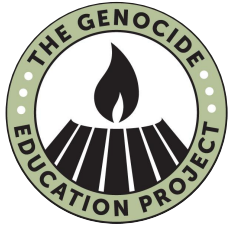


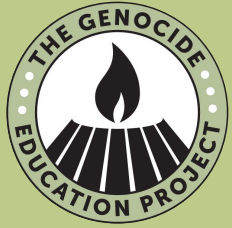
Resistance, Agency, and Empowerment: The Armenian Genocide



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Day 1: Defining Genocide

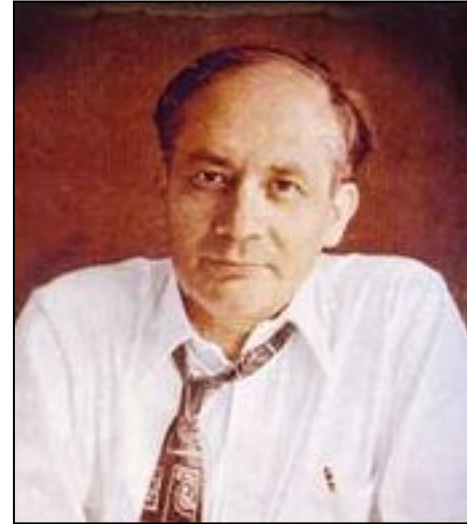




The Definition of Genocide (“genos” & “cide”)

Raphael Lemkin, a Polish Jewish lawyer, was horrified by the annihilation of the Armenians and invented the word “genocide.”

Lemkin worked tirelessly to have genocide recognized as an international crime.

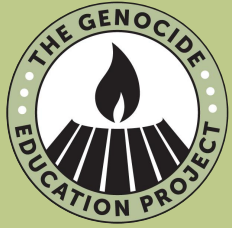


“Why is the killing of a million a lesser crime than the killing of a single individual?”

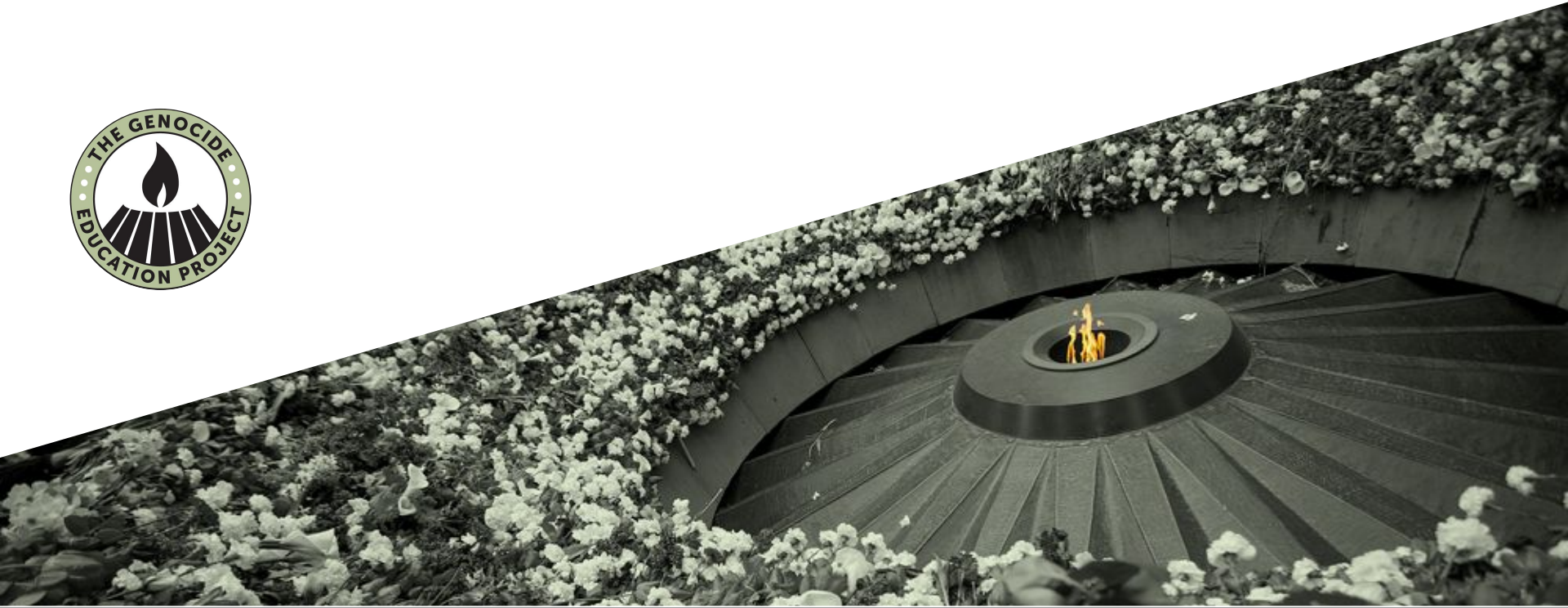
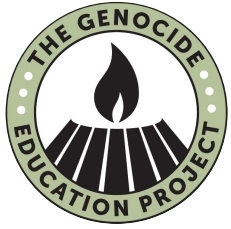
UN Convention on Genocide, December 9, 1948

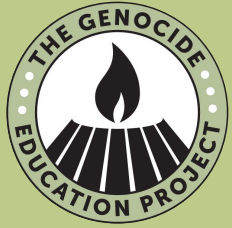
The Convention defines genocide as any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

- a. Killing members of the group;
- b. Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;
- c. Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;
- d. Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;
- e. Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.



Day 2: Resistance, Agency, & Empowerment



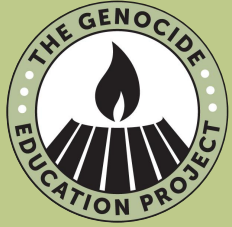


Resistance

Definition:

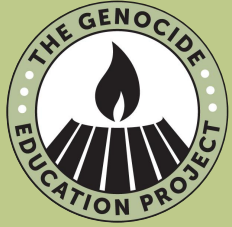
The refusal to accept or comply with something; the attempt to prevent something by action or argument; to exert oneself so as to counteract or defeat the resisted temptation

Agency



Definition:

the capacity, condition, or state of acting
or of exerting power

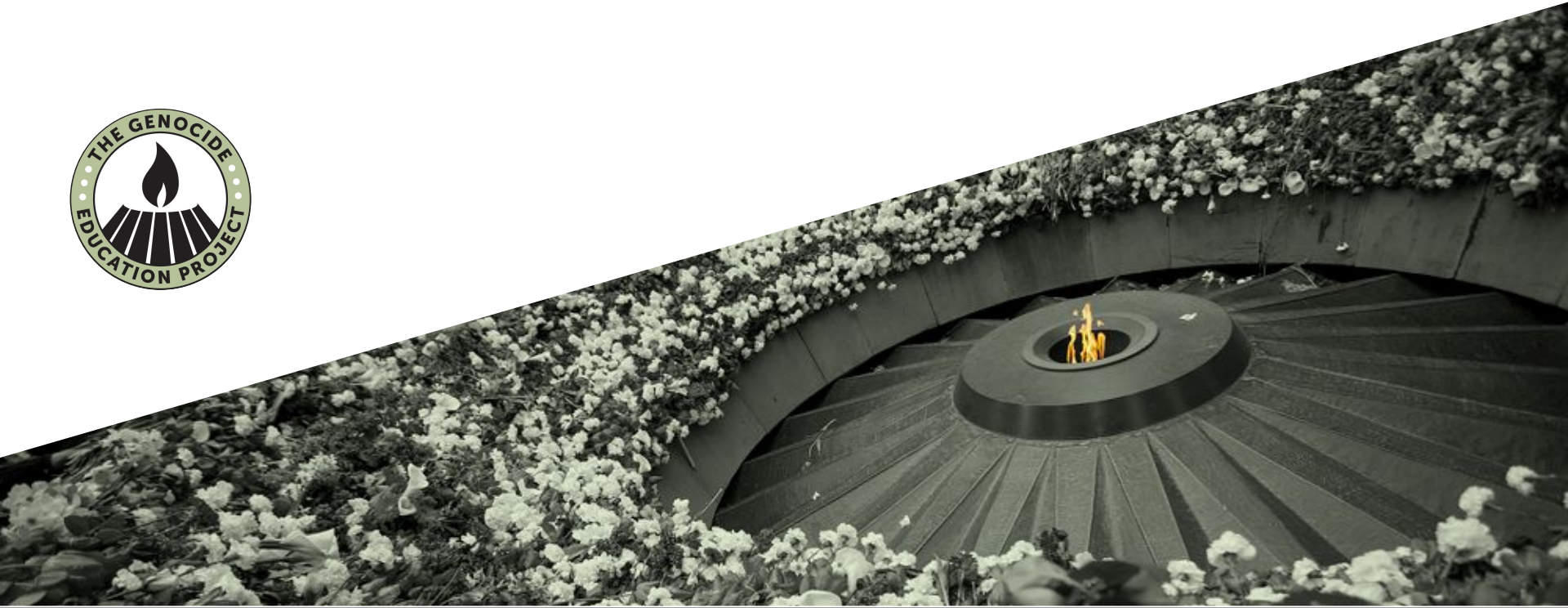
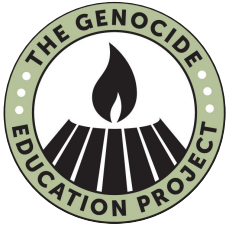


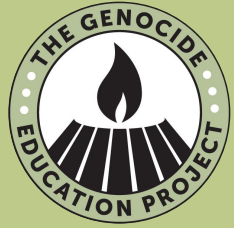
Empowerment

Definition:

the act or action of **empowering** someone or something; the granting of the power, right, or authority to perform various acts or duties;
the state of being empowered to do something; the power, right, or authority to do something

Day: 10 Legacy

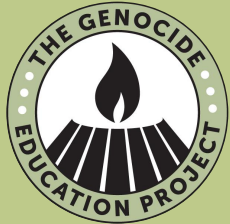




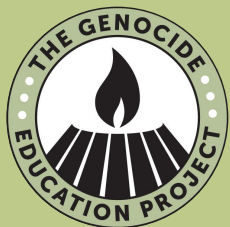
Anti Semitism

What Is Antisemitism?

The Holocaust Aftermath



- **Nazi Germany was held responsible for the murder of over 6 million European Jews**
- **Nuremberg Trials were a public tribunal to hold the main perpetrators of the Holocaust accountable for their crimes**
- **Many convicted criminals were hanged or sentenced to prison**
- **Germany passed laws against Holocaust denial**
- **Germany instituted reparations for survivors and descendants**
- **Germany criminalized Nazi symbols and uniforms**



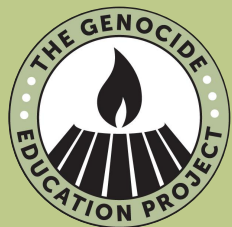
The Armenian Genocide Aftermath

A Turkish Tribunal under the guidance of the British was held in 1919. These genocide perpetrators were found guilty by unanimous vote:

- Prime Minister, Talaat Pasha (“Pasha” = honorific title)
- Minister of War, Enver Pasha
- Minister of the Navy, Djemal Pasha
- Minister of Education, Dr. Nazim Bey

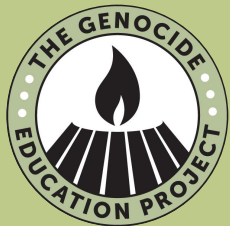
“In accordance therefore with the above mentioned paragraphs in the law code, Talaat, Enver, Djemal and Dr. Nazim are sentenced to death.”

- However, these men flee before their sentences are carried out; by 1923 the British leave Turkey and Mustafa Kemal Atatürk comes to power.
- Those imprisoned for their role in the Armenian Genocide are released and the denialist policy develops further.



What Denial Really Does

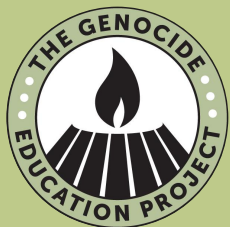
- Denial of genocide perpetuates the crime of genocide and further victimizes future generations
- Continues the dispossession of property and rights, accruing ever-increasing losses
- Maintains the imbalance of power
- Creates hostile factions between and outside of the immediate parties
- Leads to more discrimination against targeted group



Denial Tactics

Perpetrators / Perpetrator governments use various means in denying genocide was committed:

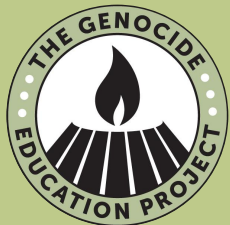
- Blame the victims – “Disloyal” “Revolution”
- Deny / minimize the evidence/scale
- Deny genocidal intent; blame natural forces
- Blame civil or international war
- Deny that the facts fit definition of genocide
- Claim genocide recognition would endanger “peace process” and/or antagonize citizens
- Claim genocide recognition harms national interests



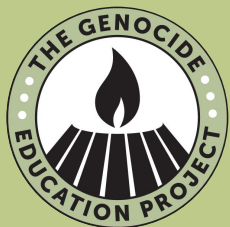
Turkish Denial of the Armenian Genocide

- Penal Code Article #301 criminalizes “insulting Turkishness,” a vague term which successive governments have used to arrest people discussing the Armenian Genocide
- Produces revisionist education and mass media
- Uses its geographic position and political alliances to influence other nations about their potential recognition of the Armenian Genocide
- Encourages allies to engage in anti-Armenian policies, oppose Armenian Genocide education

Denial has far reaching impact



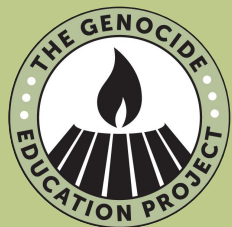
Adolf Hitler, Nazi Germany



“Today I will once more be a prophet: If the international Jewish financiers in and outside Europe should succeed in plunging the nations once more into a world war, then the result will not be the bolshevization of the earth, and thus the victory of Jewry, but the annihilation of the Jewish race in Europe!”

“...Centuries will pass, but from the rubble of our city, our hatred of those who are to blame, international Jewry and its lackeys...I have made it clear that if they treat the nations of Europe as tools that may be bought and sold by these international swindlers for money and material support, then that race, the Jewish race, which is truly responsible for this murderous struggle, shall bear the consequences...Above all, I oblige the national leadership and its followers to observe the racial laws scrupulously and subject the poisoner of all nations — international Jewry — to merciless resistance.”

President Aliyev, Azerbaijan



“There are powers that extremely disapprove of us. We may divide those into a few certain groups. In the first place, our mortal enemy is the global Armenian nation and all the corrupted, hypocritical, and treacherous politicians under Armenian influence.”

“We have to be honest and acknowledge that Armenia simply carries formal existence and is artificially marked on the world map as an independent state. Armenia is a dependent state, which is not capable of determining its own future.”

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