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CHARLESTON, IL.--`Shoah', a 9 1/2 hour documentary film on the destruction of European Jewry during World War II, will be presented at Eastern Illinois University this spring as a benefit showing for the Honors Program.

The 16 mm film with subtitles is open to the public and will have two showings. The first will be Part I from 5-9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 31 and Part II 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 1 in Booth Library Lecture Room. The second showing will be Part I 10-2:30 p.m. and Part II 4-9 p.m., both Sunday, June 1 in Buzzard Auditorium.

Tickets are priced at \$20 for the general public, \$7.50 for EIU faculty/staff and \$5 for EIU students. Checks should be payable to EIU Foundation-Shoah and sent to Dr. Herb Lasky, Booth Library 35, EIU, Charleston 61920.

Shoah, a Hebrew word for annihilation, is a series of interviews with witnesses to the holocaust war against the Jews rather than film footage of concentration camps and the rise of Hitlerism.

Those interviewed include not only Jewish survivors but also SS officers and Western scholars of the Holocaust.

"This film has been reviewed in every major journal . . .it's a real coup to be able to show it here," said Dr. Lasky, director of the Honors Program and professor of history.

"Thus far it has been shown only in New York City, Chicago, Cleveland and Los Angeles. We've already had a number of inquiries just by word of mouth," he said.