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Abandonment of the Jews



*“If you pervert justice
you shake the world.”*

Rabban Simeon Ben Gamaliel

Yom HaShoah

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE HOLOCAUST

April 26, 1992



This is the flame of
destruction and night
As well as the flame of
eternal light
The Ner Tamid

Holocaust Center
Jewish Federation of the North Shore

Yom HaShoah

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE HOLOCAUST

Sunday, April 26, 1992

4:30 P.M.

Higgins Middle School Auditorium
King St. Extension, Peabody, Massachusetts

DAVID S. WYMAN
Professor, U/MASS Amherst
Author of *Abandonment of the Jews*

3:30 p.m.
Video Presentations of
Holocaust survivors
ANDREW GROSS

and
ANYA KAGAN KORNHAUSER
followed by
dialogue with them

—
An Exhibit of
Arts Projects on the Holocaust
by North Shore Students

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PROGRAM

Survivors' Candlelighting Ceremony

Yom HaShoah Poem
Sonia Schreiber Weitz

Welcome
Rabbi Samuel S. Kenner

Greetings
Dr. Edward Braun

Greetings
Mayor Peter Torigian

INTERFAITH SERVICE

Cantor Sam Pessaroff
Temple Ner Tamid, Peabody

Father Charles Hughes
St. Thomas of Villanova, Wilmington

Reverend Rayann Burnham Cummings
First Federated Church, Beverly

Rabbi Arthur Nemitoff
Temple Beth Shalom, Peabody

DAVID S. WYMAN

Holocaust Center Service Award
Presented by Harriet Tarnor Wacks

“Star Spangled Banner”
In Unison

“HATIKVAH”
In Unison

Musical Rendition
Gordon College Women's Choir
under the direction of
Elizabeth White

WE REMEMBER THE HOLOCAUST

RESPONSIVE READING:

AS WE GATHER HERE TONIGHT, WE MOURN THE SIX MILLION BRUTALLY DESTROYED BY SO-CALLED "CIVILIZED" PEOPLE, BEHAVING LIKE SAVAGES.

THE CRUELTY OF HISTORY'S MOST TYRANNICAL RULES, SUCH AS PHAROAH OF EGYPT, NEBUCHADNEZZAR OF BABYLONIA, HAMAN OF PERSIA, TITUS OF ROME, CHMIELNICKY OF POLAND, CANNOT BE COMPARED WITH THE DIABOLICAL SCHEMES OF THE MODERN TYRANTS, IN THEIR DESIGN TO EXTERMINATE AN ENTIRE PEOPLE.

THE BLOOD OF THE INNOCENT WHO PERISHED IN THE DEATH FACTORIES OF THE MASS MURDERERS, CRIES OUT TO GOD AND ALL HUMANITY.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET KRISTALLNACHT, THE BEGINNING OF THE BURNING OF SYNAGOGUES AND HOUSES OF STUDY; THE DESTRUCTION OF HOLY BOOKS AND TORAH SCROLLS, THE SADISTIC TORMENT AND SLAUGHTER OF SCHOLARS, SAGES, TEACHERS AND COUNTLESS OTHER CIVILIAN MEN, WOMAN AND CHILDREN.

WE RECALL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE WARSAW GHETTO AND ELSEWHERE, WHO VALIANTLY DEFIED THEIR MONSTROUS ADVERSARIES.

WE RECALL THE HEROISM OF THOSE WHO, IN THE FACE OF UNPRECEDENTED AND OVERWHELMING FORCE, MAINTAINED JEWISH CULTURE AND ASSERTED JEWISH VALUES IN THE VERY MIDST OF ENSLAVEMENT AND DESTRUCTION.

EVEN AS WE MOURN SUCH MASSIVE GENOCIDE, WITH ITS PARALLELS THAT HAVE PERSISTED SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR, WE RECALL TOO THOSE MEN AND WOMEN OF OTHER FAITHS AND NATIONALITIES WHO AT THE PERIL OF THEIR LIVES SAVED SOME OF THOSE SLATED FOR DESTRUCTION. TRULY, "THE RIGHTEOUS OF ALL NATIONS HAVE A SHARE IN THE WORLD TO COME."

IN OUR REMEMBRANCE TONIGHT, LET US PRAY AND WORK FOR THE DAY WHEN THERE SHALL BE NO VIOLENCE OR DESOLATION ON EARTH, WHEN "NATION SHALL NOT LIFT UP SWORD AGAINST NATION, NOR SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANY MORE."

WE REMEMBER THEM

RESPONSIVE READING:

At the rising of the sun and its going down,
we remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember them.

At the shining of the sun and in the warmth of summer,
we remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
we remember them.

At the beginning of the year and at its end,
we remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live; for they are now
a part of us, as *we remember them.*

When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share,
we remember them.

When a Jew cries out from a great distance that he is
afraid, cold and hungry, *we remember them.*

When a man, woman or child cries out from here or
far that he is afraid, cold and hungry, *we remember them* — and we shall help.

Together: As long as we live, they too will live; for they
are now a part of us, *as we remember them.*

KOLO KOLAINU KOLAINU KOLO

His voice is our voice
Our voice is His Voice
My father believed in man
My grandfather believed in God
One taught me to speak
One taught me to sing
And when I speak or sing
I hear their voices
Whispering from beyond the silent storm

- Elie Weisel -

FOR YOM HA'SHOA

A Reading

by Sonia Weitz

COME, TAKE THIS GIANT LEAP WITH ME
INTO THE OTHER WORLD... THE OTHER PLACE WHERE
LANGUAGE FAILS AND IMAGERY DEFIES,
DENIES MAN'S CONSCIOUSNESS... AND DIES
UPON THE ALTAR OF INSANITY

COME, TAKE THIS GIANT LEAP WITH ME
INTO THE OTHER WORLD... THE OTHER PLACE
AND TRACE THE ECLIPSE OF HUMANITY...
WHERE CHILDREN BURNED WHILE MANKIND STOOD
BY, AND THE UNIVERSE HAS YET TO LEARN WHY ...
HAS YET TO LEARN WHY.

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Ye-hei shlama raba min shmaya ve-hayim aleinu
יהא שלמא רבא מן שמיא ונמיים עלינו ועל כל-ישראל.
ואמרו אמן.
v'al kol yisrael v'imru amen.

Oseh shalom bimromav hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu
עושה שלום במרומו הוא יעשה שלום עלינו ועל כל-ישראל.
ואמרו אמן.
v'al kol yisrael v'imru amen.

Yit-gadal	יתגדל
Majdanek	Maydanek
vi-yit-kadash	ויתקדש
Warsaw	Warsaw
shmei raba	שמה רבא
Auschwitz	Auschwitz
b'alma divra khir'utei	בעלמא די ברא כרעותה
Dachau	Dachau
ve-yamlikh mal-khutei	ונמליך מלכותה
Buchenwald	Buchenwald
be-hayei-khon uve'yomei-khon	בתייכון וביומיכון
Babi Ya	Babi Yar
uve-hayei di-khol beit yisrael	ובחיי דכל-בית ישראל
Belzec	Belzec
ba-agala u-vizman kariv	בעולא ובזמן קריב
Chelmno	Chelmno
v'imru amen.	ואמרו אמן.

יהא שמה רבא מברך לעלם ולעלמי עולמיא.

Ye-hei shmei raba meva-rakh l'alam ul'almei'almaya

Yit-barakh ve-yish-tabh	יתברך וישתבח
Sobibor	Sobibor
ve-yit-pa'ar ve-yitromam	ויתפאר ויתרומם
Gross-Rosen	Gross-Rosen
ve-yitnasei ve-yit-hadar	ויתנשא ויתהדר
Terezin	Terezin
ve-yit'aleh ve'yit-halal	ויתעלה ויתהלל
Treblinka	Treblinka
shmei di-kudsha brikh hu	שמה דקדשא בריך הוא
Bergen-Belsen	Bergen-Belsen
l'eila l'eila	לעלא לעלא
Vilna	Vilna
mikol bir-khata ve-shirata	מכל-ברכתא ושירתא
Mauthausen	Mauthausen
tush-behata ve-nehe-mata	חשבתא ונחמתא
Birkenau	Birkenau
da-amiran b'alma	דאמירן בעלמא
Plashov	Plashov
v'imru amen.	ואמרו אמן.