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Fifty
Years
Ago:

Darkness
Before
The Dawn

Yom HaShoah
Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust
April 10, 1994



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 10, 1994
4:30 P.M.

Veterans Memorial High School Auditorium
Peabody, Massachusetts

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Dr. Marvin Wilson

Professor of Biblical and Judaic Studies
Gordon College

Author of "Our Father Abraham: Jewish Roots
of the Christian Faith"

**Fifty Years Ago-
Darkness Before The Dawn
A Time To Speak**

3:30 P.M.

Video Presentations

Art Exhibits on the Holocaust
Karen Leonard, Professional Artist
and North Shore Students

PROGRAM

Survivors' Candlelighting Ceremony

Yom HaShoah Poem
Sonia Schreiber Weitz

Welcome
Rabbi Samuel S. Kenner

Greetings
Dr. Edward Braun

Greetings
Mayor Peter Torigian

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St. John's Church, Peabody

Reverend Beth Loughhead
First Baptist Church, Beverly

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Keynote

Rev. Dr. Marvin Wilson

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 CRUELITIES OF HISTORY'S MOST TYRANNICAL RULES, SUCH AS PHAROAH OF EGYPT, NEBUCHADNEZZAR OF BABYLONIA, HAMAN OF PERSIA, TITUS OF ROME, CHMIELNICKY OF UKRAINE, 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'SHOAH

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
זֵהָא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל.
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
v'al kol yisrael v'imru amen.

Oseh shalom bimromav hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu
עוֹשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמֵיּוֹ הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל.
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
v'al kol yisrael v'imru amen.

Yit-gadal	יִתְגַּדַּל
Majdanek	מַיְדָנֵק
vi-yit-kadash Warsaw	וַיִּתְקַדֵּשׁ וָרְשָׁו
shmei raba Auschwitz	שְׁמֵה רַבָּא אֹשְׁוִיטְצ
b'alma divra khir'utei Dachau	בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי כְרָא כְרֵעוּתָהּ דַּכָּאוּ
ve-yamlikh mal-khutei Buchenwald	וַיַּמְלִיכְהוּ מַלְכוּתָהּ בּוּכֵנְוֹלְד
be-hayei-khon uve'yomei-khon Babi Ya	בְּחַיֵּינוּ וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ בַּבִּי יָא
uve-hayei di-khol beit yisrael Belzec	וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל-בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בֵּלְזֵעַ
ba-agala u-vizman kariv Chelmno	בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְנָא קָרִיב צְהֵלְמֵנוּ
v'imru amen.	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

זֵהָא שְׁמֵה רַבָּא מְבַרְכֵךְ לְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.

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

Yit-barakh ve-yish-tabh Sobibor	יִתְבָּרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח סוֹבִיבּוֹר
ve-yit-pa'ar ve-yitromam Gross-Rosen	וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיִּתְרַמַּם גְרוֹס-רֹזֵן
ve-yitnasei ve-yit-hadar Terezin	וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא וַיִּתְהַדָּר טֵרֶזִין
ve-yit'aleh ve'yit-halal Treblinka	וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלֵּל טְרֵבְלִינְקָא
shmei di-kudsha brikh hu Bergen-Belsen	שְׁמֵה דְקֻדְשָׁא בְרִיךְ הוּא בֵּרְגֵן-בֵּלְזֵן
l'eila l'eila Vilna	לְעֵלָא לְעֵלָא וִילְנָא
mikol bir-khata ve-shirata Mauthausen	מִכָּל-בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא מֹאוּטְהַוזֵן
tush-behata ve-nehe-mata Birkenau	חֲשִׁבְתָּתָא וְנִחַמְתָּתָא בִּירְכֵנוּ
da-amiran b'alma Plashov	דְּאִמְרֵינוּ בְּעֵלְמָא פְּלַשׁוֹב
v'imru amen.	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.