

YOM HA'SHOAH

Northern Virginia's 2018 Holocaust Commemoration
Hate Speech and the Holocaust

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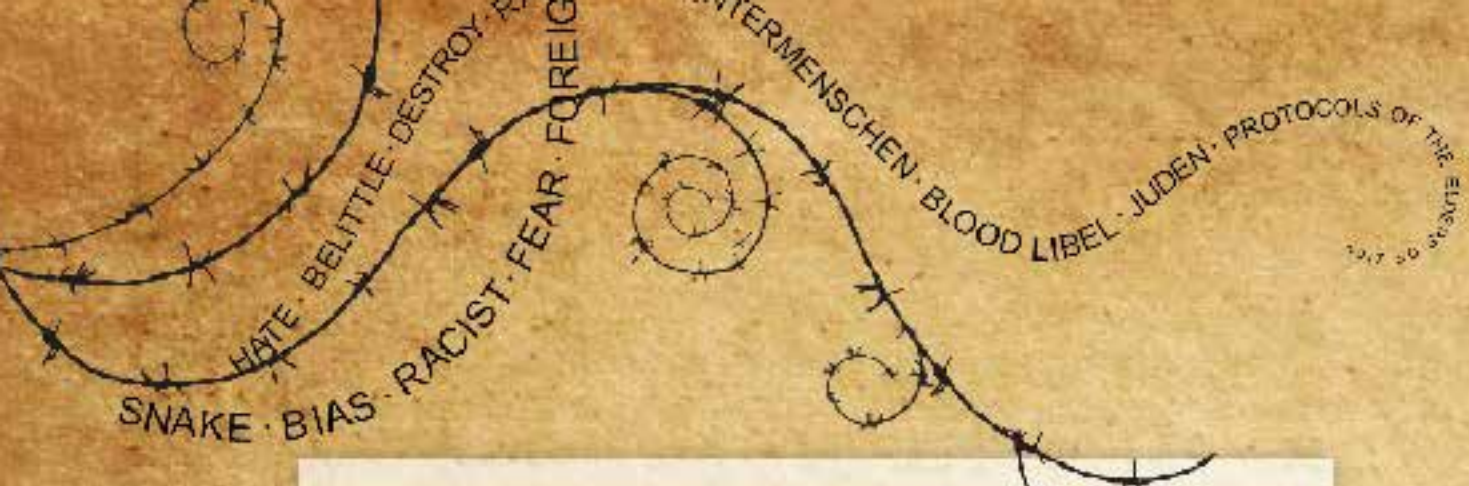


CONGREGATION
Adat Reyim
"a community of friends"

The Jewish Federation
of Northern Virginia



ADL
Anti-Defamation League



Opening Music

Sounding the Shofar
Mitch Bassman, Congregation Adat Reyim

"The Star Spangled Banner"
Led by the Community Choir
Conducted by Music Director **Mitch Bassman**
Congregation Adat Reyim

Welcome

Scott Brown, President & Jeff Dannick, Executive Director
Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia

Opening Remarks

Rabbi Bruce Aft, Congregation Adat Reyim
Judy Flippen-Anderson & Ira Bartfield
Northern Virginia Holocaust Commission Co-Chairs
Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater Washington

Hate and the Holocaust

"The Haystack - 1942"
Written by **Charlene Schiff (z"l)**
Holocaust survivor, (December 16, 1929 - January 19, 2013)
Read by **Debra Linick, JCRC & Jenni Kang, University of Virginia Student**



Charlene Schiff was born Shulamit Perlmutter in Horochow, Poland. She was the only member of her family to survive the Holocaust. She spent her young teens hiding in forests and risking visits to farms and fields to steal food. Throughout her life, Charlene wrote and spoke about her experiences. She urged her listeners to remain ever vigilant against her four "I's:" Ignorance, Injustice, Intolerance and Indifference." In 1988, Charlene and her husband, U.S. Brigadier General Ed Schiff, started the City of Alexandria's Annual Holocaust Commemoration with then Mayor Jim Moran. It was the first local government in our region to sponsor such a ceremony and continues to this day. This year's ceremony will be held Thursday, April 12 at noon on the grounds of City Hall.

You've Got To Be Carefully Taught

Music: **Richard Rodgers**
Lyrics: **Oscar Hammerstein II**
Adapted: **Mitch Bassman**

You've got to be taught to hate and fear,
You've got to be taught from year to year,
It's got to be drummed in your dear little ear
You've got to be carefully taught.

You've got to be taught to be afraid
Of people whose eyes are oddly made,
And people whose skin is a different shade,
You've got to be carefully taught.

You've got to be taught before it's too late,
Before you are six or seven or eight,
To hate all the people your relatives hate,
You've got to be carefully taught!

The Painted Bird

Written By **Jerzy Kosinski**
Read By **Rabbi Michelle "Mina" Goldsmith**, Congregation Beth Emeth
and **Rabbi Elizabeth Goldstein**, Congregation Ner Shalom

Holocaust survivor Jerzy Kosinski may be best known to Americans for his novel Being There, which was adapted to the screen starring Peter Sellers. In Poland, Jerzy Kosinski is remembered differently. His 1965 novel, The Painted Bird, was a fictionalized accounting of a Jewish boy searching for his parents during World War II. From town to town, he encounters hatred, rage, and violence. Though praised in the West, his book was swiftly condemned in Communist Poland and banned from print as anti-Polish. When it was finally released in 1989, thousands of Poles lined up for hours to receive autographed copies. The excerpt being read is from the ADL's Holocaust and Genocide: A Search for Conscience, Editor H. Furman, 1980, which is a guide for teachers.

Don't Hate - Embrace

Dance & Choreography: **Rebecca Weiss**
Poetry: **Sherri Waas Shunfenthal**
Music: "Train of Thought" by **Chilly Gonzalez**

Candles of the Survivors

Candle One

Janine Bland
COL Frank Cohn
Prof. Marysia Dworzecka
Dr. Arye Ephrath

Candle Two

Etelka "Stella" Fettman
Ninetta Feldman
Prof. Janos Gertler
Leonard Gordon

Candle Three

Anne Herrmann
Ruth Kohn
Michel Margosis
Sam Ponczak

Candle Four

Irene Rehbock
Ruben Stazier
Yelena Zaslavskaya

Fifth Candle of the Next Generation

Elinor Abraham

In memory of her mother Margo Lange

Marguerite Adams

In memory of Jacques Grable

Helen Albert

*In memory of Oscar "Shia" Albert and
Diana Albert (nee Doba Drezner) and
Lucjan Gasiorowski, Righteous Among the
Nations who saved her*

Michele Arkin

*In memory of Mordechai Arkin
and Judith Kornfein Arkin*

Galeet BenZion

*In honor of Dina Katan BenZion
and Joseph BenZion*

Nelson Blitz

*In honor of Rose Blitz
and in memory of David Blitz*

Ava Szabo Flores

*In memory of Agnes Szabo Hartzler and
Oscar Szabo, a Righteous Christian
who saved 29 Hungarian Jews*

Judith Fogel

*In memory of Elona Goldstein Fogel
and Ha'Rav Hersch Zvi Fogel*

Amy Friedman

In memory of Meyer Wildfeuer

Dan Gilman

In memory of Harry J. Gilman

Rabbi Michelle "Mina" Goldsmith

In honor of David Gelbart

Myra Brown Gondos

*In memory of Blanche and Morris Brown
and sister Jehudis Brown*

Emmanuel Sigmund Horowitz

*In memory of Josef Horowitz
& Lia Redlich Horowitz*

Frank Kohn

*In honor of and alongside Ruth Kohn
and in memory of Dr. Herbert Kohn*

Ita Zoberman Mandel

In memory of Louis Zoberman

Michelle Rendelman

*In memory of Jeannine Nataf-Schumacher
and in memory of Joseph and Leona Nataf*

Paul Rohrlich

In honor of Fritz Rohrlich

Amnon Salomon

*In honor of Haviva and
Fred Salomon of Israel*

Julia Salpeter

In memory of Irma and Jenő Illes

Julia Steele

In honor of and alongside Ninetta Feldman

Irv Varkonyi

*In memory of Livia and
Ignaz Varkonyi*

Marty Zelman

*In honor of Toby Torens Zelman
and in memory of David Zelman*

The Pledge of Acceptance

All children of survivors are invited to rise and join in the reading of the pledge.

We, who are your children, belong to a generation in which every attempt was made for us to never exist.

We, who represent your victory and your triumph over evil of unthinkable dimensions, accept the responsibility to preserve and protect the legacy of the Holocaust.

We pledge to commemorate. We pledge to educate.

We pledge to forever remember.

We pledge to you, our mothers and fathers, who suffered in ways which words cannot describe, that our commitment is an everlasting commitment for this generation and for every generation to come.

We dedicate this pledge to our beloved grandmothers and grandfathers, who never lived to see us.

We dedicate this pledge to our aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers and sisters, who are forever missing from our lives.

We dedicate this pledge to all the six million Jewish men, women, and children who were so brutally murdered, but who will always be in our thoughts and in our hearts.

The Pledge of Continuation

Matthew Blitz & Caroline Tucker lead all grandchildren of survivors as they rise and join in reading:

We, who are your grandchildren, will carry the survivors' legacy to prove to ourselves and to others that we can carry our victory, as well as to memorialize those loved ones who perished in the Holocaust.

We pledge to always remember who we are, where we came from, And also the traumas our grandparents endured and survived;

We pledge to educate people of other ethnic, religious, and cultural groups about our grandparents' experiences;

We pledge to commit to use lessons of the Holocaust to support justice, tolerance, peace, kindness, and compassion;

We pledge to accept survivors' memories and to pass them on to future generations.

The Sixth Candle of Hope

EI Maleh Rachamim

Hazzan Elisheva Dienstfrey, Agudas Achim Congregation

G-d full of mercy Who dwells high, grant proper rest under the wings of the Divine Presence, in the great heights of the holy and pure who, like the brilliance of the heavens, shine to all the souls of the six million Jews slain in the European Holocaust who were killed, and slaughtered, and burned, and destroyed in sanctification of G-d's name, at the hands of the Nazi murderers and their assistants. Therefore may the Master of mercy shelter them in the shelter of His wings for eternity, and bind their souls in the bond of life. The Lord is their inheritance; may the Garden of Eden be their resting place and may they stand for their destiny in the end of days. And let us say, Amen.

El maleh rachamim shochet bameromim, hamtzey menuchah nechonah al kanfey hashechinah, bema'alot kedoshim utehorim kezohar harakiya mazhirim et kol haneshmot shel sheshet milyoneh hayehudim, chalileh ha'Shoah ba'Eropa, sheneherga, shenish'chetu, shenisrefu, veshanisfu al kidush haShem, b'yadey hameratzchim hanatz'im ve'ozrehem. Lachen Ba'al harachamim yastirem b'seter k'nafav le'olamim, v'yitzror bitzror hachayim et nishmotehem. Adonai hu nachalatan, b'Gan Eden t'hey menuchatan, vey'a'endu legoralam Pletz hayamim, v'nomar amen.

Herman Taube's (ז"ל) 100th Year

Herman Taube, Holocaust survivor (February, 1918 - March, 2014)

Herman Taube was born in Lodz, Poland. He served as a medic in the Polish army until he was captured by Soviet forces in 1939 and sent to Siberia. Upon his release, Herman returned to caring for injured soldiers. He performed these duties for the remainder of the war and postwar period, except when he himself sustained injuries in a landmine explosion. After the war Herman married Susan Strauss, a fellow survivor. Herman is survived by Susan, five children, 11 grandchildren, and many great grandchildren. He was the author of more than twenty novels and books of poetry.

The Holocaust Mourners' Kaddish

Rabbis of the Community and Professor Janos Gertler, Holocaust survivor

Ve-yit-aleh, ve-yit-halal <i>Ohrdruf, Plashov, Papenburg, Ponary</i>	וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלַּל	Yit-gadal <i>Auschwitz-Birkenau-Buna, Baranovka, Bergen-Belsen</i>	וַיִּתְגַּדֵּל
Shmei d'kudasha, b'rich Hu. <i>Prague, Radom, Ravensbruck, Rehmsdorf, Riga</i>	שְׁמֵי דְקֻדְשָׁא. בְּרִיךְ הוּא.	Ve-yit-kadash <i>Belzec, Bialystok, Babi Yar</i>	וַיִּתְקַדֵּשׁ
Le-eyla <i>Sachensburg, Sachsenhausen, San Sabba, Shauliai</i>	לְעֵלָא	Shmei raba <i>Bochnia, Bogdanovka, Buchenwald</i>	שְׁמֵי רַבָּא.
Min kol birchata v'shirata <i>Skarzysko-Kamienna, Sobibor</i>	מִן כָּל בִּרְכָתָא בְעֵשִׂי"ת:	B'alma divra chir-utei <i>Chelmno, Cracow, Dachau</i>	בְּעֵלְמָא דֵי בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ
Tus-bechata ve-neche-mata <i>Theresienstadt, Transnistria, Treblinka, Vaivara</i>	תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא	V'yamlich mal-chutei <i>Dakovo, Danica, Dora</i>	וַיַּמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ
Da-amiran b'alma <i>Vilna, Warsaw, Zemun, Zhitomir and the scores of other camps.</i>	דְאַמִּירוּ בְּעֵלְמָא.	Be-chayei-chon, uv'yomei-chon <i>Dumanovka, Ebensee, Edineti, Flossenburg</i>	בְּחַיֵּינוּ וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ
V'imru Amen.	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:	U'vchayei d'chol beit Yisrael <i>Gross-Rosen, Gunskirchen, Gurs</i>	וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל
Yehei Shlama raba min shmaya	יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא	Ba-agala u'vizman kariv <i>Herzogenbusch, Iasi, Jadovno, Kaiserwald</i>	בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְנוּ קְרִיב,
Ve-chayim aleinu	וְחַיִּים עֲלֵינוּ	V'imru Amen.	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
V'al kol Yisrael	וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.	Ye-hei shmei raba m'vorach	יְהֵא שְׁמֵי רַבָּא מְבֹרָךְ
V'imru Amen.	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:	L'olam ul'ol-meï alma-ya	לְעֹלָם וּלְעֹלְמֵי עֲלַמְיָא:
Oseh shalom bim-romav	עֹשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו	Yitbarach ve-yishtabach <i>Kamenets-Podolskiy, Kishiniev, Kovno, Klooga</i>	יִתְבָּרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח
Hu ya-aseh shalom	הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם	Ve-yitpa'ar ve-yitromam <i>Lodz, Lubin, Lublin, Lvov, Lyons</i>	וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיִּתְרַמַּם
Aleinu ve-al kol Yisrael	עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל	Ve-yit-naseh, ve-yit-hadar <i>Majdanek, Mauthausen, Minsk, Natzweiler-Struthof, Neuengamme</i>	וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא וַיִּתְהַדָּר
V'imru Amen.	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.		



Oseh Shalom

Music: Nurit Hirsh

Arrangement: R. Neumann

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם,
עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן

Oseh shalom bim'romav, Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu V'al kol Yisrael, V'imru, imru amen.

May the One who makes peace in the heavens, grant peace to us and to the people Israel; and let us say: Amen

Hate in our Time

Doron Ezickson

Regional Director, Anti-Defamation League, Washington, DC

Finding a Response

Rabbi Marc Gopin, PhD

Director, Center for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution (CRDC)

School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University

Zog Nit Keynmol ("Never Say") - Hymn of the Jewish Partisans

Lyrics: Hirsh Glik

Melody: Dmitri & Daniel Pokras

Hirsh Glik was a young Yiddish poet and songwriter when war broke out in 1941 between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union in his hometown of Vilnius. He continued his prolific writing from the Vilnius Ghetto while also serving in the resistance. Glik was captured while trying to flee the ghetto's liquidation. He was placed in a concentration camp in Estonia, from which he again tried to escape. He was never heard from again. He was twenty-two at the time of his disappearance. Below is one stanza of the lengthy piece he wrote, inspired by the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. After his death, it became an anthem of defiance for Jewish partisans.

CHORUS: Zog nit keynmol az du geyst dem letstn veg,
Chotsh himlen blayene farshteln bloye teg;
Kumen vet noch undzer oysgebenktesho,
S'vet a poyk ton undzer trot: mir zenen do!
Kumen poyk ton undzer trot: mir zenen do!

Fun grinem palmen land biz vaytn land fun shney
Mir kumen on mit undzer payn, mit undzer vey
Un vu gefal niz a shprits fun undzer blut
Shprotsen vet dort undzer gvure undzer mut
Vu gefalniz a shpritz fon undzer blut
Shprotsn vet dort undzer gvure undzer mut

CHORUS: Never say that you have reached the very end,
though lead-filled skies a bitter future may portend
The hour for which we've yearned will yet arrive.
And our marching steps will thunder: WE SURVIVE!
For the marching steps will thunder: WE SURVIVE!

From land of palm trees to the land of distant snow
We are here, with our pain and with our woe,
And whenever our blood was shed in pain
Our fighting spirits will resurrect again
And whenever our blood was shed in pain
Our fighting spirits will resurrect again

Together We Stand

Rabbi Jennifer Weiner, Congregation Adat Reyim

It has become our tradition in recent years to include in our commemoration a testament to the actions that we take in our time and our community to stand against the threats of hatred and intolerance. Please read with us responsively as we remember the actions and events from this year.

Harrison Madnick and Charlotte Reing, Students:
When I saw bullying and hate in my school, I spoke out for respect and friendship.

Audience: We Stand And Will Be Counted

Adali "John" Cano, Centreville Immigration Forum:
When voices of hate and intolerance were raised, we reached out beyond our community to welcome the stranger in our midst.

Audience: In The Face Of Hate, We Offer Love

Debbie Linick & Rabbi Batya Glazer, JCRC:
When my Muslim neighbors felt hostility and isolation, I came to the mosque to attest "You are my neighbors, I WELCOME you."

Audience: We Stand And Will Be Counted

Rabbi Jeff Saxe & Carol Wolinsky, Temple Rodef Shalom:
When they marched in Charlottesville and shouted "Jews will not replace us," we hosted a reformed neo-Nazi and learned how to help end hate with love and kindness.

Audience: In The Face Of Hate, We Offer Love

Ron Halber & Darcy Hirsh, JCRC:
When they criminalized Holocaust memory in Poland, we called on Polish leaders to face history with honesty and accuracy.

Audience: We Stand And Will Be Counted

Ken Saunders, Fairfax Office of Human Rights & Equity Programs & Ramona Carroll, Fairfax Community Interfaith Coordinator:

We saw our community facing increased hate. We continued our vigilance against discrimination and intolerance and envision a county welcome to all.

Audience: In The Face Of Hate, We Offer Love

Michel Margosis, Holocaust Survivor:
Because my family survived anti-Semitism and the Holocaust, I dedicated myself to fighting injustice, serving in the U.S. Army, at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and on the Fairfax Human Rights Commission.

Audience: We Stand And Will Be Counted

Jen Scher, Geshet Jewish Day School & Liat Lisha, JCCNV Schlicha (Israeli Emissary):
Whether we had family that endured the Holocaust, we are ALL their children. I will continue their legacies, committed to Jewish education and hosting salons of memory "Zikaron BaSalon" to share their messages.

Audience: In The Face Of Hate, We Offer Love

One People

Music & Lyrics: Debbie Friedman

Arranged by: David Bravo, Benny Koonyevsky & Steve Miller

G-d bless our country
and all who lead us
May they be wise and just and fair;
G-d guard our borders
keep us safe & strong
G-d keep our country
In your loving care

Chorus

G-d bless our country;
let every race and creed
Unite in harmony and pride.
We'll join together
and we'll work hand in hand;
We are One People
standing side by side

Chorus

G-d bless our country
and all its people
May they be free of hate and war
Lay down your swords and shields,
nations will not fight again,
and they will not learn war any more.

Chorus

Chorus

We'll be One People seeking freedom, One People seeking justice
One People seeking hope, One People seeking peace

Ha'Tikvah

Lyrics: Naftali Herz Imber

Kol 'od balevav p'nimah	כל עוד בלבב פנימה
Nefesh Y'hudi homiyah	נפש יהודי הומיה
Ulfa'atei mizrach kadimah	ולפאתי מזרח, קדימה,
Ayin l'tzion tzofiyah	עין לציון צופיה,
Od lo avdah tikvatenu	עוד לא אבדה תקוותנו,
Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim,	התקוה בת שנות אלפים,
Lihyot 'am chofshi b'artzeinu	להיות עם חפשי בארצנו,
Eretz Tziyon vi'rushalayim	ארץ ציון וירושלים.

As long as the Jewish spirit is yearning deep in the heart, with eyes turned toward the East, looking toward Zion, then our hope—the two-thousand-year-old hope—will not be lost: to be a free people in our land, the land of Zion and Jerusalem.

Concluding Remarks

Ron Halber & Jeff Dannick

JCRC & JCCNV Executive Directors

Acknowledgements

The JCRC of Greater Washington's Holocaust Remembrance & Education

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater Washington's Holocaust Commission organizes Holocaust commemorative, educational, and advocacy oriented activities throughout the year. Founded in 1938, the JCRC's commitment to the lessons of the Holocaust is enduring and our community-wide commemorations date back to at least the 1970's.

The Northern Virginia Holocaust Commemoration is organized under the leadership of **Michael Friedman**, President; **Ira Bartfield** and **Judy Flippen-Anderson**, Northern Virginia Holocaust Commission Co-Chairs; **Ron Halber**, Executive Director; and **Guila Franklin Siegel**, Associate Director; with **Debra Linick**, Holocaust Programming Consultant; and **Steve Adleberg**, Education Outreach Director; **Darcy Hirsh**, Director of Northern Virginia Government and Community Relations; **Julie Greenwald**, Executive/Programming Assistant; **Nirma Medrano**, Office Manager and Senior Programming Associate; **Alexis Schwartz**, Assistant Director of the Israel Action Center; and the JCRC staff.

Lead Partners

The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia is the permanent partner of the JCRC in hosting the Northern Virginia Holocaust Commemoration: **Scott Brown**, President; **Jeff Dannick**, Executive Director; **Marc Jacob**, Associate Executive Director; **Laurie Albert**, Director of Community Engagement; **Laura Adler**, Marketing Director; and **Phil Male**, Production and Facilities Manager; each assisted to develop this year's program. **Rabbi Bruce Aft** of Congregation Adat Reyim oversaw the commemoration and **Mitch Bassman** directed the community choir.

JCRC Youth Engagement & Holocaust Survivors Speaker Program

As part of its year-round commitment to Holocaust education, the JCRC arranged for Holocaust survivors to speak at more than twenty-five Greater Washington synagogues, schools, and other venues. Together they will have reached more than 2,000 local teens and others who will carry on their legacy. Special thanks to **Liat Lisha**, JCCNV's Shiri Rahamim Community Shlichah, for bringing ADL's Echoes & Reflections Teacher Training to more than twenty-five teachers in our region. Liat also introduced Zikaron BaSalon (Hebrew for "memories in the living room") to our community with support from the JCRC. Through this effort, seven Holocaust survivors shared their legacy in the homes of leaders in our community. Today, prior to the community commemoration area teens participated in "Hate Speech" developed in partnership with the **Northern Virginia Education Directors Council (NoVA EDC)** with leading support from **Rabbi Jennifer Weiner and Peggy Ephrath**.

Visual Arts

Sarah Berry, JCCNV Cultural Arts Director arranged the photo exhibit of "Loss & Beauty," **Keron Pesillas'** award winning literary work of photography based on the diaries of Holocaust survivors.

Performing Arts

Brenda Forsley, JCCNV 'J.Dance' Director, arranged for **Rebecca Weiss**, who choreographed and performed an original dance set to **Sherri Waas Shunfenthal's** poem, "Don't Hate - Embrace."

Jewish Social Service Agency

The Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) provides local Holocaust survivors with critical safety net services. We thank **Ellen Blalock** and **Rita Evrony** for supporting this commemoration.

The Yellow Candle Project

Thank you to **Bob Watts**, 1st Regional Vice President, and **Tom Loggie**, who coordinated the Yellow Candle Project for the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

"Unto Every Person There is a Name"

The Uriah P. Levy Lodge of B'nai B'rith Chesapeake Bay Region, in conjunction with the Yad Vashem - The World Holocaust Remembrance Center, sponsors "Unto Every Person There is a Name." This public name-reading commemorates individuals who perished in the Holocaust, restoring some dignity to those who were stripped of their identities and robbed of their lives.

Barbara Brenman chairs the program, with the name reading led by **Jerry Jacobs** and **Ira Bartfield**.

Yad Vashem & U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Names Recovery

Thank you **Jonina Duker** and **Myra Roney** for hosting displays from Yad Vashem's Names Recovery Project and from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, respectively. Visit both museums' registries at: www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/remembrance/names/ and www.ushmm.org (search Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry) to aid in their missions to record all Holocaust martyrs and survivors.

Supporting Organizations

The following organizations and synagogues offered additional support to this commemoration:

Organizations: AJC, Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization - Northern Region East, Church of the Latter Day Saints - Annandale Stake, Fairfax County Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs (OHREP), Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action, Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park, George Mason University Hillel, Geshur Jewish Day School, Hadassah Greater Washington, InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, Interfaith Connections, Jewish Council for the Aging, Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington, Jewish Historic Society of Greater Washington, Jewish Social Service Agency, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, Lewinsville Faith In Action, National Museum of American Jewish Military History, Uriah P. Levy Lodge of B'nai B'rith Chesapeake Bay Region, Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO), Virginia Holocaust Museum, Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, and Yad Vashem Names Recovery Project

2018 Co-Host: Congregation Adat Reyim

Synagogues: Agudas Achim Congregation, Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation, Beth El Hebrew Congregation, Congregation Beth Emeth, Congregation Etz Hayim, Congregation Olam Tikvah, Fort Belvoir Jewish Congregation, Kol Ami: The Northern Virginia Reconstructionist Community, Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, Shoreshim Congregation, Temple Beth Torah, Temple B'nai Shalom, Temple Rodef Shalom

Thank You!

Donors, singers and volunteers at the JCRC's Holocaust Commemoration are acknowledged with gratitude in an addendum to this program.

Learn About These Organizations Preserving the Memory of the Holocaust and Combating Hate

Anti-Defamation League (ADL), adl.org, was founded in 1913 “to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and secure justice and fair treatment to all.” The mob murder of Leo Frank in Atlanta and pervasive anti-Semitism that found its way into housing codes and education quotas spurred ADL’s growth and underscored the importance of its work. Today ADL works closely with law enforcement and education officials across the nation to identify and counter the threats of cyberbullying, extremism and hate crimes in our schools and society.

Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), splcenter.org, was founded by civil rights lawyers Morris Dees and Joseph Levin, Jr. in 1971. SPLC lawyers work to dismantle institutional racism, track and expose hate groups, and provide “Teaching Tolerance” programs free of charge for schools across the nation. Its headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama maintains the “Civil Rights Memorial Center,” to ensure that the legacy and lessons from that era inform society’s actions today.

Life After Hate (#WeCounterHate), lifeafterhate.org, was launched by former Neo-Nazi Arno Michaelis in 2010 to provide pathways for extremists to disengage from hate movements. The evidence-based methods and powerful personal narratives of its staff and leadership have proven successful in helping individuals move away from racism and violence through compassion, individualized education, job training and person-to-person assistance. Its programs include the international “Strong Cities Network,” “ExitUSA,” and “Against Violent Extremism (AVE).”

Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action, fairfaxcounty.gov search “faith communities”, is a network of faith- and community-based organizations and government agencies that work together to increase awareness of community services and resources, identify community needs and strengthen community capacity to meet those needs.

Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP), virginiainterfaithcenter.org, was founded in 1982 as an advocacy voice for the faith community in Virginia. The organization has focused primarily on issues of economic and racial justice. In 2016, the Center launched a “Welcoming All” platform with circles of protection to support immigrants, minorities and populations in distress in the Commonwealth.

InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington (IFC), ifcmw.org, brings together 11 different faith traditions in our region to advance justice, build community, and promote dialogue. Founded in 1978 by Rev. Dr. Clark Lobenstine, the IFC hosts concerts, lectures and public dialogues and publishes resources including the “Emergency Services Directory,” and “Teaching About Religion” guidebook. Its 2018 Unity Walk, Dinner Dialogues, and other programs are centered around the theme “#KnowYourNeighbor.”

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, ushmm.org, serves as a living memorial to the Holocaust. Its mission is to inspire citizens and leaders worldwide to confront hatred, prevent genocide, and promote human dignity. Since its dedication in 1993, the Museum has welcomed more than 43 million visitors, including over 100 heads of state and more than ten million school-age children. The Museum works with teachers, scholars, and youth; develops on-site and travelling exhibitions as well as print and digital resources; and trains members of law enforcement, the judiciary, the military and diplomatic corps, and other leaders. A collection of record of all victims of the Nazis and their collaborators can be accessed online.

Yad Vashem - The World Holocaust Remembrance Center (Yad Vashem), yadvashem.org, provides worldwide resources for commemoration, documentation, and research surrounding the Holocaust. Its educational arm, “The International School for Holocaust Studies,” trains hundreds of international students, IDF soldiers, and other Israeli security forces each year. In the U.S., Yad Vashem partners with the ADL and the USC Shoah Foundation Institute to offer training to tens of thousands of educators and community leaders annually. To date, Yad Vashem has recognized more than 26,500 individuals as “Righteous Among the Nations,” and retains the largest, most comprehensive Holocaust-era Archives containing over 200 million pages of documentation.

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