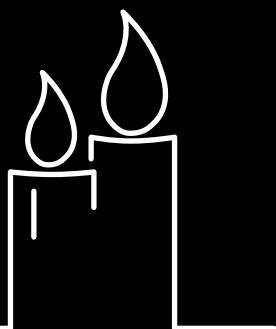


Birmingham Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration

STORIES REMEMBERED & RETOLD



The Stories of Deceased Holocaust Survivors
As Told By Their Local Descendants

Sunday, April 23, 2017

2:00 p.m.
Temple Beth-El



Special Music

The music heard prior to today's program is Day of Remembrance by composer Eddie "Keys" Allen of West Windsor, New Jersey. It was written in memory of those who died during the Holocaust and in honor of his mother, a Holocaust survivor



Guardians of Remembrance

Yom HaShoah commemorations will evolve in the coming years as we move toward a time when there are no living survivors. And yet, we are all impacted by the events of the Holocaust and can learn so much from the stories of those who lived through this terrible time. Now it is up to us to keep these stories alive. If you are a second or third generation Holocaust survivor, we encourage you to learn your family's stories and to share them.

The Birmingham Holocaust Education Center's Guardians of Remembrance program offers family members the opportunity to tell their stories at schools, churches, and civic organizations. The Guardians of Remembrance program is also open to others in the community who would like to be trained to tell the stories of deceased Holocaust survivors. In this way, even though the survivors are no longer with us, their personal stories become tools that teach the lessons of the Holocaust to future generations.

Stories Remembered and Retold

Sorrow/Mariposa Cantor Jessica Roskin
Lyrics by Edna St. Vincent Millay Christy Vest, Piano
Music by David Friedman

Reading: *A Quote from Mordechai Anielewicz* Rabbi Jonathan Miller

Erica Schreier Green: My Mother's Story The Hon. Debra H. Goldstein

We Will Remember Them Cantor Jessica Roskin
by Solomon Flum Christy Vest, Piano

Reading: *God's Tefillin, Berachot 6a* Rabbi Joseph Robinson

The Massarano Family: Thessaloniki Eli Pinhas

Eili, Eili (My God, My God) Cantor Michael Horwitz
Music by Lazare Saminsky Christy Vest, Piano

My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken us?
My God, my God, hast Thou forgotten Thine own?
With fire and flame, tortured and defaced,
Everywhere has one humbled, cast us all to shame!
Yet none of our race, none have ever turned away,
For sworn our sacred Torah, our hallowed vow.

My God, my God, why has Thou forsaken us?
Why has Thou forgotten Thy faithful ones?
Day and night do I sigh, do I humbly say:
O let me guard my holy law, let me bless my sacred Torah!

Now I pray: Save us, Lord.
 Save us, God almighty,
 Recall our fathers, servants Thine of old.
 Now hear my cry and my fervent vow,
 For Thou art alone our Rock and Shield,
 Hear, O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One!



Reading: <i>Factual Statements About the Holocaust</i>	Martin Stein, President,
Source: New England Holocaust Memorial	Knesseth Israel Cong.

The Wenger Family: One Last Simcha Dr. Deborah Wiatrak

<i>Yeish Kochavim (There Are Stars)</i>	Temple Emanu-El Quartet
Lyrics by Hannah Senesh	Christy Vest, Piano
Music by Jeff Klepper and Dan Freeland	

Reading: <i>The Creed of a Holocaust Survivor</i>	Rabbi Laila Haas
by Alexander Kimel	

I do believe, with all my heart,
 In the natural Goodness of Man.
 Despite the blood and destruction,
 Brought by one man, trying to be God,
 In the Goodness of Man, I do believe.

I do believe, with all my heart,
 That God gave man the blessing and the curse.
 Man can select the curse of envy, hatred and prejudices,
 Or the blessing of love, harmony and beauty.
 Despite the painful curses of the past,
 In the blessing of the Creator, I do believe.

I do believe, with all my heart,
That God created a beautiful world,
The sun and the trees, the flowers and the bees.
And the best way to serve God, is
To enjoy the fruits of His labor of love.
Despite the painful memories from the past,
In the joyful celebration of life, I do believe.

I believe with all my heart,
That the Messiah and the Kingdom of Heaven will come;
When man will conquer his destructive urge,
And learn how to live in harmony with nature and himself.
When all the preachers of hate will be silenced,
And man will become his brother's keeper.
When man will stop killing man, in the name of God,
And nation will not lift weapons against nation.
When it will be, I do not know, but
Despite all the signs to the contrary.
In the dawn of a Better World, I do believe.



Magda Roth Ales: My Grandmother's Story Kelly Campbell

Ashrei Hagafur (Blessed is the Match) Cantor Michael Horwitz
Music by Lawrence Avery Temple Emanu-El Quartet
Christy Vest, Piano

Blessed is the match consumed in a kindling flame.
Blessed is the flame that softly burns in the heart's secret place.
Blessed is the heart with strength to stop beating for honor's sake.
Blessed is the match consumed in a kindling flame.



God and Our Response to the Shoah	Rabbi Barry Leff
Candle Lighting Ceremony.....	Rabbi Barry Leff
<i>El Malei Rachamim</i>	Cantor Michael Horwitz

Exalted, compassionate God,
grant infinite rest in your sheltering presence,
among the holy and pure,
to the souls of all our beloved who have gone to
their eternal home. Merciful one,
we ask that our loved ones find perfect peace
in Your tender embrace,
their memory enduring as inspiration for commitment
to their ideals and integrity in our lives.
May their souls thus be bound up in
the bond of life. May they rest in peace.
And let us say: Amen.



Mourner's <i>Kaddish</i>	Rabbi Barry Leff
See <i>Siddur</i> (Prayer Book) p. 136	

Temple Emanu-El Quartet

Cantor Jessica Roskin, Soprano
Jackie Feldman, Alto
Greg Odrezin, Tenor
Eli Pinhas, Bass



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The mission of the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center (BHEC) is to educate the people of Alabama about the history of the Holocaust so that new generations will apply the lessons of the Holocaust to the construction of a more just, humane, and tolerant future. By preserving and sharing the stories of local Holocaust survivors and commemorating the events of the Holocaust and the lives of those who perished, the BHEC seeks to promote a moral and ethical response to prejudice, hatred, and indifference for the benefit of all humanity.



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