

41<sup>st</sup> Annual



HOLOCAUST  
REMEMBRANCE SERVICE  
OF NORTHWEST LOUISIANA

SUNDAY, May 5, 2024

3:00 PM

Louisiana State University Shreveport Ballroom  
One University Place  
Shreveport, LA 71115

Dr. Kenna Franklin  
2024 Chair

To honor the lives that were lost during one of humanity's worst moments,  
our community remembers the Holocaust with an annual ecumenical service.  
Through our remembering and active cooperation, we strive to obliterate injustice.

# HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE SERVICE PROGRAM

Welcome: Dr. Kenna Franklin, LSUS Assistant Provost Diversity, Inclusion & Community Engagement

Benediction: Muslim Chaplain Khurshid Khan, President of Islamic Association of Greater Shreveport and Bossier

Song: "I Need You to Survive" led by Pastor Donzell Hughes and the Voices of Deliverance Choir. Song by David G. Frazier

Memorial Candle Lighting: Introduced by Rabbi Dr. Jana L. De Benedetti, B'nai Zion Congregation

Song During Candle Lighting: "Eli Eli" sung by Don McCoy and Rabbi Jana

Silent Prayer

Literary and Art Competition Awards (Details are in this handout and on the [HolocaustRemembranceService.org](http://HolocaustRemembranceService.org) website)

"Memoirs of a Child Survivor" by Sonia Levitin  
Holocaust survivor and award winning author

Mayors' Proclamation:

Mayor Tom Arceneaux, City of Shreveport  
Mayor Thomas H. Chandler, City of Bossier City

Memorial Prayers: Led by Rabbi Jana

Song: "Sing My Song" sung by the Youree Drive Middle School Choir led by Jewett Winston

Closing Remarks: Dr. Kenna Franklin

Reception and Refreshments

## 41 HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATIONS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>
1984	Sunday, April 29	1 <sup>st</sup> Methodist	Film "Genocide"	700	
1985	Wednesday, April 17	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist	Dr. James Wood (Methodist)	600	
1986	Sunday, May 4	Sunset Acres Baptist	Film "To Bear Witness"	600	Don Hathaway
1987	Sunday, April 26	St. Mary of the Pines	Fr. Ronald Modras (Catholic)	200	Stan Tiner
1988	Wednesday, April 13	Mt. Canaan Baptist	Dr. Dorothy Heights (Baptist)	600	Judge Carl Stewart
1989	Wednesday, May 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian	Rev. Dombalice (Greek Orthodox)	200	Lloyd Lenard
1990	Wednesday, April 25	Broadmoor Baptist	Dr. John Roth (Professor)	400	Dr. Grady Bogue
1991	Sunday, April 7	St. John's	Fr. Earl Carroll (Episcopalian)	500	Bishop William Friend
1992	Sunday, May 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Methodist	Cantata	800	Dr. Donald Webb
1993	Sunday, May 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist	Dr. Hubert Locke (Afro Am. Prof)	850	Virginia Shehee
1994	Sunday, April 10	Broadmoor Un. Methodist	Rev. John Pawlikowski (Catholic)	700	Fletcher Thorne-Thomsen
1995	Sunday, May 7	St. Mark's Episcopal	Dr. Hubert Locke	500	Jim Montgomery
1996	Sunday, April 14	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Bossier	Plater Robinson	350	John Hussey
1997	Sunday, May 4	Kings Hwy. Christian	Mark Weitzman	800	J.D. Caruthers
1998	Sunday, April 26	St. Paul's Episcopal	Lawrence Silverman	400	Michael Craft
1999	Sunday, April 11	Brown Memorial Chapel	Caddo Magnet High students (readings)	350	Mack McCarter
2000	Sunday, April 30	1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian	Sara Jane Bloomfield	500	Barbara Thorne-Thomsen
2001	Sunday, April 29	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist	Caddo Magnet Choir	400	Ed Bradley
2002	Sunday, April 7	1 <sup>st</sup> United Methodist	Video	400	James Clark
2003	Sunday, May 4	Summer Grove Baptist	Elliott Dlin (Holocaust Center)	900	James Foster
2004	Sunday, April 18	St. Mark's Episcopal	Shreveport Symphony Cello Quartet	300	Ronnie Smith
2005	Sunday, May 15	1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian	Airline Choir & Fletcher Thorne-Thomsen	500	Forrest Dunn
2006	Sunday, April 30	Catholic Center	Bishop William Friend		Simone Hennessee
2007	Sunday, April 15	Summer Grove Baptist	Dr. Rose Van Thyn		Raymond Morris
2008	Sunday, May 4	St. John's	Dr. Steve Feller	225	Tom Arceneaux
2009	Sunday, April 19	St. Paul's Episcopal	Dr. Mark Wygoda	225	Pete Zannmiller
2010	Sunday, April 11	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Bernice Lewis	325	Anil Nanda
2011	Wednesday, April 27	Brown Memorial Chapel	Dr. Brad Prager	225	B. David Rowe
2012	Sunday, April 22	1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian	Dr. David Barnouw	225	Pen Peery
2013	Sunday, April 7	Haynes Av Baptist Church	Livia Gal; Eliot Haas; Videos	150	Dr. Mike Anderson
2014	Sunday, April 27	Christian Center	Dr. Donald Webb & Sidney Kent	200	Pastor Tim Carscadden
2015	Sunday, April 19	St Mark's Episcopal	Nico Van Thyn	275	Rev Alston Johnson
2016	Sunday, May 1	St. Mary of the Pines	Joe Rosenbaum, Tehran Child	400	Father Rothell Price
2017	Sunday, April 23	First Baptist Shreveport	Armin Guggenheim	350	Reggie Abrams
2018	Sunday, April 15	Brown Chapel, Centenary	"Music of the Holocaust"	200	Dr. Christopher Holoman
2019	Sunday, May 5	Broadmoor United Methodist	Videos of Holocaust Survivors	300	Curtis Joseph
2020	Sunday, April 19	Online			
2021	Sunday, April 11	Broadmoor United Methodist	Literary/Arts Winner Presentation	25	Bishop Larry Brandon
2022	Sunday, May 1	Broadmoor United Methodist	Literary/Arts Winner Presentation	50	Bishop Larry Brandon
2023	Sunday, April 16	Zion Baptist Church	Andras Lacko	175	Pastor Brady L. Blade, Sr.
2024	Sunday, May 5	LSUS Ballroom	"Memoirs of a Child Survivor" by Sonia Levitin		Dr. Kenna Franklin

## MEMORIAL CANDLE LIGHTING

We light 11 candles in memory of the 11 million people who perished during the Holocaust: six million Jews and five million others. These are our candle lighters this year:

**Rev'd Garrett Boyte**, Rector of the Church of the Holy Cross in Shreveport, representing the LGBTQ community.

**Rev. Michael Cannon**, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, committed to "Never Forget"

**Pastor Tim Carscadden**, Apostle and Senior Pastor of the Christian Center, representing the Righteous Gentiles who hid and saved many Jews, and who currently makes great efforts to continue to save the survivors of the Holocaust

**Patti David**, child of survivors: Sara & Leon David

**David Ginsburg**, family sheltered children escaping the Holocaust

**Very Rev. Alston Johnson** from St. Marks Episcopal Cathedral, representing family and church

**Sidney Kent**, lost all grandparents, aunts and uncles

**Sherri McCurry**, Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, representing the American men and women of the US military who encountered the Nazi concentration camps at the end of World War II

**Dr. Alexander Mikaberidze**, LSUS, Professor of History and Social Science, and Ruth Herring Noel Endowed Chair, for those who stood (and stand) upright while others were (and are) bending to unmoral will.

**Very Reverend Msgr. Rothell Price** of the Catholic Diocese of Shreveport, Representing the Catholic priests and nuns who hid and saved many Jews

**Tammy Willson**, child of survivors: Isaac Daniel and Annemarie Ain

## LITERARY & ARTS COMPETITION

**Participating Schools** (\$100 each school. \*Designates first time submitting.)

Benton High School\*

Caddo Parish Magnet High School

Caddo Parish Middle Magnet

CE Byrd High School

Herndon Magnet School

Keithville Middle School\*

Loyola College Preparatory

Plain Dealing High School\*

Southfield School\*

St. Mark's Cathedral School

**Teacher Awards** (\$50 each teacher)

Katie Barr

Susan Bogard

Lindsay Bolton

Susan Brady

Laurie Burk

Jacee Cahn

April Carberry

Sarah Chaudoir

Teri A. Durst

Hallie Franks

Angela Gale

Samantha J Green

Amy Mangham

Stephane McCrary

Barbara McGuire

Andrew Medlin

Mark Pachankis

Erin Sitton

Emily Vigen

Angela Vinet

Jennifer Waxham

## STUDENT WINNING ENTRIES

### Middle School Art Winners:

\$200 FIRST: "Rescued by Oskar Schindler and Aftermath" by **Nora Bai**, Caddo Parish Middle Magnet

\$100 SECOND: "We Were Born to be Equal" by **Vida Guzman**, Caddo Parish Middle Magnet

\$50 THIRD: "That Sign of Hope" by **Taylor Thiemann**, Caddo Parish Middle Magnet

### Middle Essay Winners:

\$200 FIRST: "A United Perspective" by **Keerthan Jaganmohan**, Caddo Parish Middle Magnet

\$100 SECOND: "Gino Bartali - Hero in the Handlebars" by **Anamika Nair**, Caddo Parish Middle Magnet

\$50 THIRD: "Recognizing the Truth" by **Avery Shaw**, Caddo Parish Middle Magnet

### High School Art Winners:

\$400 FIRST: "Unknown Help" by **Addison Knox**, Loyola College Preparatory

\$200 SECOND: "The Echoes of the Auschwitz Horror" by **Isabella Kilgarlin**, Loyola College Preparatory

\$100 THIRD: "Saviors Amongst the Storm" by **Brady Baucom**, Benton High School

### High School Essay Winners:

\$400 FIRST: "The Moral Imperative of Rescuers: Insights from Jan Karski, Oskar Schindler, and Gino Bartali" by  
**Maya Trutschl**, Caddo Parish Magnet High School

\$200 SECOND: "What it Takes to be Extraordinary" by **John Davis**, Caddo Parish Magnet High School

\$100 THIRD: "Three Saviors" by **Aiden Adams**, Benton High School

### High School Poetry Winners:

\$400 FIRST: "No Need To Hide the Valor of Ten Boom" by **Annelise Whited**, Caddo Parish Magnet High School

\$200 SECOND: "Put This Righteous Song In Your Mouth" by **Annelise Whited**, Caddo Parish Magnet High School

\$100 THIRD: "Men of Humanity" by **Adonijah McCarty**, Caddo Parish Magnet High School

### High School Short Story Winners:

\$400 FIRST: "If My Father Ever Believed in Shrines" by **Noel Strange**, Caddo Parish Magnet High School

### Literary & Arts Competition Judges:

Middle School Essay: Barbara McGuire and Deborah Morehead

Middle School and High School Art: Julie Miller Tama Nathan, Dr. Henry Price

High School Essay: Helaine Braunig, Dr. Sam Cannon, Dr. Alexander Mikaberidze

High School Poetry: Katie Bickham and Helaine Braunig

High School Short Story: Jennifer McGuirk and Deborah Morehead

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

### **“Memoirs of a Child Survivor” by Sonia Levitin**

Sonia Levitin is a Holocaust Survivor and author, and is also an artist, playwright, and social activist, often using the novel as a form of intercultural understanding. As a Holocaust survivor, Sonia wants to be a bridge between peoples. Her books include mysteries, historical novels and current affairs. She has been honored with the Pen Award, National Jewish Book Award, Sydney Taylor Award, and the German Catholic Bishops Award. There are signed copies of her young adult novel *Journey to America* available at the reception following the service.

Questions & Answers: Following Ms. Levitin’s presentation, a moderator will ask her questions from the audience. If you would like to ask Ms. Levitin a question about her presentation or experiences, text them to 318-868-1200. Please include your name with the question. Your name will not be read out loud. Due to time restraints, we may not be able to ask every question.

## MEMORIAL PRAYERS

### **Prayer for the Righteous of the Nations**

Creator of all: Let there be perfect rest for the souls of the righteous, whose hands and hearts were open, whose self-sacrifice was limitless. They risked all they had to hide and rescue our brothers and sisters during the Shoah. As they gave shelter and care to others, shelter them in Your presence — for they are the holy and pure, and their light shines like the radiance of heaven. Hold them close to You forever. May they find a home in You. And may they rest in peace.

Together we say: Amen.

### **Prayer for All Who Died in the Shoah**

God of all: Let there be perfect rest for the souls of the six million who died as Jews in the flames of the Shoah. Let there be perfect rest for the millions of others who died because of race, religion or nationality, political affiliation or sexual orientation. Hold them close to You forever. Seal their souls for everlasting life in the shelter of Your presence, for You are their eternal home.

Together we say: Amen.

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The Holocaust Remembrance Service will be held each year around the time of Yom HaShoah, which falls in April or May. All of the information concerning the next Holocaust Remembrance Service will be posted on the website as soon as the details are available. Some details will stay the same. The deadline for submission of Literary and Art Competition entries will be March 1 each year. The tentative plans for 2025 are: 3pm Sunday, April 27 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Shreveport.

Please contact the Holocaust Remembrance Service Committee if you would like to help with the event in any way or make a financial contribution.

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