

**42nd Annual HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
OF NORTHWEST LOUISIANA**

3pm Sunday, April 27, 2025

St. Paul's Episcopal Church 275 Southfield Road Shreveport, LA 71105

The Rev. Michael Cannon, 2025 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 and Benediction: The Rev. Michael Cannon

Song: "Inscription of Hope" composed by Z. Randall Stroope, sung by St. Paul's Adult Choir

Mayors' Proclamation:

Mayor Tom Arceneaux, City of Shreveport

Mayor Thomas H. Chandler, City of Bossier City

Holocaust Remembrance Student Literary and Art Project Presented by Barbara Joseph,
Director North Louisiana Jewish Federation (Details are in this handout and on the
HolocaustRemembranceService.org website)

Guest Speaker Kathy Kacer, Award winning author and child of Holocaust survivors

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

Memorial Prayers: Led by Rabbi David Laor

Song: "I Choose Love" by Mark A. Miller and Lindy Thompson, sung by the Youree Drive
Middle School Choir led by Jewett Winston

Closing Remarks: The Rev. Michael Cannon and Rabbi Dr. Jana L. De Benedetti

Reception

Song: “Inscription of Hope” composed by Z. Randall Stroope, sung by St. Paul’s Adult Choir, led by Bob Maynard

(Note from the composer: This Holocaust text is a story of survival, belief, and resilience, even in the most dire of circumstances.)

I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining
And I believe in love, even when there's no one there
And I believe in God, even when He is silent
I believe through any trial, there is always a way
But sometimes in this suffering and hopeless despair
My heart cries for shelter, to know someones there
But a voice rises within me, saying 'hold on my child'
I'll give you strength I'll give you hope, just stay a little while
I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining
And I believe in love, even when there's no one there
And I believe in God, even when he is silent
I believe through any trial, there is always a way
May there someday be sunshine
May there someday be happiness
May there someday be love
May there someday be peace

LITERARY & ARTS PROJECTS

Participating Schools and Teachers (*First time submitting)

Airline High School*

- Bryleigh Davis
- Jamie Hill
- Jordan Landry
- Amy Williamson

Benton High School

- Rachel Bryant
- Leigh Chamberlain
- Shanon Willis

Benton Intermediate School*

- Margaret Lutz

C.E. Byrd High School

- Gordon Brown
- April Carberry
- John Lary
- Emily Maier
- Stephanie Springer

Caddo Parish Magnet High School

- Barbara McGuire
- Andrew Medlin
- Neill Normand
- Katie Sweeten
- Casey Williamson

Caddo Parish Middle Magnet

- Teri Durst
- Angela Gale
- Samantha J Green
- Stephane McCrary
- Madison Robinson

Cope Middle School*

- Angela Vinet
- Emily Welch
- Christine Fox
- Breena Turner

First Baptist Church School*

- Barbara Doughty

Greenacres Middle School*

- Madison Atkinson
- Joanne Black
- Ola Harris
- Carla Simpson Mitchell

Herndon Magnet School

- Katie Barr

Loyola College Preparatory

- Hallie Franks
- Mark Pachankis

Parkway High School*

- Ashley Perkins

St. Mark’s Cathedral School

- Sarah Chaudoir
- Emily Vigen

STUDENT WINNING ENTRIES

Middle School Awards for Each Category: \$200 First Place; \$100 Second Place; \$50 Third Place

High School Awards for Each Category: \$400 First Place; \$200 Second Place; \$100 Third Place

MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNERS:

MIDDLE SCHOOL ESSAY

FIRST: "Sacrifice by Fire" by Olivia Crawford, Caddo Parish Middle Magnet

SECOND: "The Seeds of Hatred" by Karrington Robinson, Cope Middle School

THIRD: "What Made the Holocaust Possible?" by Tro Nickelson, Caddo Parish Middle Magnet

MIDDLE SCHOOL ART

FIRST: "First in Line" by Emma Farrell, First Baptist Church School

SECOND: "Remembering Keeps Us Free" by Madeleine Maier, Caddo Parish Middle Magnet

SECOND: "All Caged Up" by Iorwerth Tracey, Caddo Parish Middle Magnet

HIGH SCHOOL WINNERS:

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY

FIRST: "Birds of a Feather" by Adya Darsi, Caddo Parish Magnet High School

FIRST: "My name is Prejudice, but you already know who I am." by Micaela Gafford, Caddo Parish Magnet High School

THIRD: "Oppressionist Fires" by Ariv Kohli, Caddo Parish Magnet High School

HIGH SCHOOL SHORT STORY

FIRST: "Don't Look" by Rachel Evans, Caddo Parish Magnet High School

SECOND: "Arbeit Macht Frei-Confronting the Past to Preserve the Future" by Keerthan Jaganmohan, Caddo Parish Magnet High School

THIRD: "Crumbled Faith" by Jackson Lawrence, Airline High School

HIGH SCHOOL POETRY

FIRST: "The Gallows" by Lillian McCormick, Benton High School

SECOND: "Little Monsters" by Samantha Chirhart, Caddo Parish Magnet High School

THIRD: "Nothing to do with Us." by Kaleigh Kirpluk, Caddo Parish Magnet High School

HIGH SCHOOL ART

HIGH SCHOOL WINNER: "The Devil's Stolen Gold" by Jayden Keenan, Airline High School

LITERARY & ARTS PROJECTS JUDGES:

Art: Julie Miller, Henry Price

Short Story: Jenny McGurik, Cheryl Rubin

Poetry: Helaine Braunig, Katie Bickham, Jim Clinton

Essay, High School: Alexander Mikaberidze, Karen Soileau, Jenny McGuirk

Essay, Middle School: Barbara McGuire, Deborah Morehead

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

KATHY KACER

A child of Holocaust survivors, Kathy has written stories of hope, courage and humanity in the face of overwhelming adversity. Her books for young readers are sold around the world.

Questions & Answers: Following Ms. Kacer's presentation, a moderator will ask her questions from the audience. If you would like to ask Ms. Kacer a question about her presentation or experiences, text it 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 have every submitted question answered during the event.

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, also representing the LGBTQ community.

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

Dr. Kenna Franklin, Dr. Kenna Franklin, LSUS Assistant Provost for Community Engagement

Rev. Barbara Jarrell, Minister of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church

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

Sidney Kent, lost all grandparents, aunts and uncles

Rabbi David Laor, on behalf of the largest population of survivors – who are living in Israel.

Yehudit Platt, child of survivors: Yael and Moshe Brill (Gizella Jeager and Istvan Brúll)

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

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.

Song: “I Choose Love” by Mark A. Miller and Lindy Thompson Sung by Youree Drive Middle AP Magnet School Choir, led by Ms. Jewett Thompson

(Composed in response to the tragic event in June 2015 at Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina)

In the midst of pain, I choose love, I choose love
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain
I await the sun again, I choose love, I choose love

In the midst of war, I choose peace
In the midst of war, I choose peace
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace, I choose peace

When my world falls down, I will rise
When my world falls down, I will rise
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise, I will rise

In the midst of pain, I choose love
In the midst of pain, I choose love
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain
I await the sun again, I choose love, I choose love

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Liz West, St. Paul Organist
Youree Drive Middle School Choir directed by Jewett Winston

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Multiple Anonymous Donors	Sidney Kent
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Dr. and Mrs. Carl Goodman	St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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. The deadline for submission of Holocaust Remembrance Student Literary and Art Project entries will be March 2, 2026.

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

Email: info@HolocaustRemembranceService.org
Website: www.HolocaustRemembranceService.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/RemembranceService/

PREVIOUS NORTHWEST LOUISIANA REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

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

