

REMEMBERING KRISTALLNACHT

Silence throughout this time of remembrance would be appreciated.

SHOFAR Matt Levene

THE BREAKING OF GLASS
Megan Davey, Stephanie Sinclair; KSC Holocaust Studies Club

NIGGUN Keene State College Faculty Quartet
Shopkeeper: Susan Levine

LIGHTING MEMORIAL CANDLES
*Lighting of Yahrzeit candles in memory of three groups —
Jews, Children, and Righteous Gentiles*
Dr. Arthur Cohen; Dr. James Putnam; Mayor Michael Blastos

KADDISH *please see insert* Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein

INTRODUCTION Dr. Paul Vincent, Director, Cohen Center for Holocaust Studies

GUEST SPEAKER Sibylle Sarah Niemoeller von Sell

MUSICAL SELECTION Sarah Cohen
Playing for Peace Exchange Student, KSC

PERSISTENCE OF PERSECUTION Student Voices
Native Americans – Robin White (KMS); *Slavery* – Dan Payson (KMS);
Armenia – William Wyman (KHS); *Japanese-Americans* Timothy Fitzpatrick (KMS);
Bosnia – Marlee Glover (KHS); *Rwanda* – Paul Imm (KHS);
Our Responsibility – Vic Sokul; *Antisemitism* – Thomas White, the Kristallnacht
Committee.

CLOSING Carolynn Johnson and Jakob Rooney from Wheelock Elementary School

Participants may be available for questions following this time of remembrance.

THE WORDS OF PASTOR MARTIN NIEMOELLER

*First they came for the Communists
and I did not speak out —
because I was not a Communist.*

*Then they came for the Jews
and I did not speak out —
because I was not a Jew.*

*Then they came for the Socialists
and I did not speak out —
because I was not a Socialist.*

*Then they came for me —
and there was no one left
to speak out for me.*

*Then they came for the trade unionists
and I did not speak out —
because I was not a trade unionist.*

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Ushers provided by the Keene Middle School Ushers Club

Slide presentation: Tom White

Keene State Faculty Quartet:

Dr. Gladys Johnsen, JoAnne Mead, Dr. C. Paul Vincent, and Dr. David Hill

Technical assistance provided by Mary Lou DePalo

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Murdock, Lorie Rogers, Paul Vincent, and Chair, Tom White*

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*“To remember . . . and to teach”*

## Kristallnacht

During the night of 9-10 November 1938, a massive *pogrom* (state-sponsored anti-Jewish violence) was orchestrated by the Nazi (National Socialist) government throughout Germany and the recently annexed state of Austria. In its aftermath 815 shops, 29 department stores, 171 residences, and 267 synagogues had been burned or otherwise destroyed. Ninety-one Jews were killed. The shattered panes of beveled plate glass that littered sidewalks, most of it coming from the shop windows of Jewish stores, gave the *pogrom* its name: *Kristallnacht*, or “Night of Broken Glass.” In the days that followed, 25-30,000 were arrested and taken to Germany’s concentration camps

*Kristallnacht* marked the Nazi’s first centrally organized operation of large-scale, anti-Jewish violence. It served as a prelude to the coming Holocaust.

“ . . . *the world watched in silence.* ”