

### *Kristallnacht Remembrance*

*Kristallnacht* marked the Nazis' first centrally organized operation of large-scale, anti-Jewish violence. It also signaled the fateful transfer of responsibility for "solving" the "Jewish Question" to the SS. It served as prelude to the coming Holocaust.

The Cohen Center for Holocaust Studies has chosen to focus on this event as an annual community-wide commemoration. By reflecting upon the lessons of the Holocaust we recognize a responsibility to act when human rights are violated. The Remembrance calls us to be a watchful community for both our neighbor and for those outside of our community. It is a call for responsible citizenship.

#### **SELECTIONS FROM KADDISH**

Kaddish was commissioned by the Cohen Center for Holocaust Studies at Keene State College in honor of its 25th anniversary. The full, evening-length work is scored for a large chorus, four soloists, and chamber orchestra and will premiere on May 3, 2008 at the Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College. Almost the entire libretto of Kaddish, including the two selections heard tonight, was fashioned by composer Lawrence Siegel from testimonies of survivors of the Holocaust. Support for this commission was received in part through an American Composers Forum Continental Harmony award, The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, and many others.

#### **"Always Ready to Help"**

Beginning in 1942, the French Protestant village of Le Chambon sur Lignon (population 5,000) sheltered and rescued 5,000 Jews from the Holocaust. "Things had to be done and we happened to be there to do them. It was the most natural thing in the world to help these people." This is their motto.

#### **"Righteous Among the Nations"**

Yad Vashem, The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority of Israel is the only institution that grants the title of "Righteous" to those gentiles who rescued Jews during the Holocaust. As of January of this year 21,758 people have been recognized as Righteous Among the Nations, including Martha and Waitstill Sharp. The Sharps became only the second and third Americans recognized after the research of three KSC professors.

*Silence throughout this time of remembrance would be appreciated.*

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## **KRISTALLNACHT REMEMBRANCE 2007**

### ***HONORING THE RIGHTEOUS - A CALL TO RESPONSIBILITY***

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Don B. Wilmeth

#### **SHOFAR**

Eric Stumacher, Keene Chamber Orchestra

**BREAKING OF GLASS** Jennifer Belmont, Shayna Epstein, Elizabeth Salvo  
KSC Holocaust Studies Minor Students

#### **REMEMBERING KRISTALLNACHT**

Police Chief Arthur Walker  
Fire Chief Gary Lamoureux

**LIGHTING MEMORIAL CANDLES** Lighting of Yahrzeit candles in memory  
of three groups: *Jews, Children, and Righteous Gentiles*

Tom Weisshaus, Holocaust survivor rescued by Raoul Wallenberg;  
Sylvia McBeth, CCHS Advisory Board & Greer McBeth, Student Council  
President, Keene Middle School; Mayor Michael E.J. Blastos.

#### **SELECTIONS FROM KADDISH**

Composed by Lawrence Siegel  
Elaine Broad Ginsberg conducting the KSC Chamber Singers  
George Loring, piano

"Arrival at Auschwitz"  
"So Here I Am"

#### **HONORING RAOUL WALLENBERG**

Annette Lantos

#### **MOVING COMPANY: "Unity"**

Dancers: Isabella Kosmacher, Jenna Mazanowski, and Zoe Warshaw  
Choreography by: Reagan Messer

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA), Holocaust survivor

#### **KADDISH**

*Please see insert.*

Rabbi Sarah Niebuhr Rubin

#### **A CALL FOR ACTION: DARFUR**

Professor Therese Seibert, KSC

#### **CLOSING**

Thomas White, Cohen Center for Holocaust Studies

Candles: Paul Cullity, KSC Ecumenical Campus Minister; Dorothy Frazier,  
Principal, Keene Middle School; Molly Kelly, NH State Senator;  
Henry Knight, Director, Cohen Center for Holocaust Studies.

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*Please depart in thoughtful silence in memory of those persecuted.*