

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.

2008 Speaker: Pierre Sauvage

Pierre Sauvage is a child survivor of the Holocaust and a child of Holocaust survivors. An Emmy Award-winning documentary filmmaker, Sauvage is the President of the Chambon Foundation, which he founded in 1982. He is best known for his 1989 award winning feature documentary "Weapons of the Spirit," which tells the story of Le Chambon, a mountain community in France that defied the Nazis and took in and saved five thousand Jews, including Sauvage and his parents. Sauvage himself was born in this unique Christian oasis, Le Chambon, at a time when much of his family was being tortured and murdered in the Nazi death camps. It was only at the age of 18 that he learned that he and his family were Jewish and survivors of the Holocaust.

"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." "Always ready to help" is their motto and serves to remind us of the need to develop awareness and responsibility as a community.

We Remember

Congressman Thomas Peter Lantos, Representative, CA. (1928-2008)
Dr. Charles A. Hildebrandt, Professor of Sociology, KSC. (1933-2008)

Silence throughout this time of remembrance would be appreciated.

KRISTALLNACHT REMEMBRANCE 2008

"Oseh Shalom"

Keene State College Chamber Singers, Elaine Broad Ginsberg, conducting

BREAKING OF THE GLASS

Audio effects by ArtsPower

INTRODUCTION

Don B. Wilmeth

SHOFAR

Jori and Ryan Platt, Chesterfield, NH, Tami Bettinger,
Keene Middle School, & Rabbi Sarah Rubin

POEM

by Brooke Paquette, Brattleboro MS, read by Alex Lamothe, KHS

LIGHTING MEMORIAL CANDLES

In memory of three groups:

For Children: Rena Jacques, witnessed Kristallnacht when 12 years old

For Jews: Jay Kahn, Keene State College

For Righteous Gentiles: The Rev'd Canon Dr. Samir J. Habiby, Special
Assistant to the Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem

REMEMBERING KRISTALLNACHT

Keene Police Chief Arthur Walker
Keene Fire Chief Gary Lamoureux

1938-2008: "To Remember...and to teach": Our Ongoing Mission

Congressman Paul Hodes, Thomas White

PRAYING FOR PEACE

"Sim Shalom" Elaine Broad Ginsberg conducting the KSC Chamber Singers

"Peace"

Dancers: Kristy Blackwood, Sarah Bradshaw, Isabella Kosmacher, Helena
Perry, Zoe Warshaw Choreography by Reagan Messer, MoCo Arts.

"DID AMERICANS FIGHT THE HOLOCAUST?"

Pierre Sauvage,
Documentary film maker, President of the Chambon Foundation

KADDISH

"May the Memory of Good People Bless Our Days" KSC Chamber Singers
Kaddish *Please see insert.* Rabbi Sarah Niebuhr Rubin

CLOSING

Henry Knight, Cohen Center for Holocaust Studies

Candles: Jennifer White, Keene High School; Very Rev. Daniel O. Lamothe,
Catholic Community of SWNH; Meg Stout, Apple Hill Center; John Pratt,
District 1 county commissioner.

Please depart in thoughtful silence in memory of those persecuted.