

Yom HaShoah

Holocaust Remembrance Day

*Even in Darkness
It is Possible to Create Light*

-Elie Wiesel

Guest Speaker Dr. Nancy Sommers:
My Mother's Story—
Creating Light from Darkness
And
Optimism out of Tragedy

United Hebrew Congregation
CANDLES Holocaust Museum

With a Reception Hosted By
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Sunday, May 5, 2019 30 Nisan 5779

Greetings from: Dr. Betsy Frank, United Hebrew Congregation President
and Judge Christopher Newton, CANDLES Museum Vice-President

Yom HaShoah: We Remember

In Remembrance of the Six Million Reuven Hammer

read by Ms. Terry Fear

Candle Lighting in Memory of the Victims of the *Shoah*

From every being there rises a light...Baal Shem Tov

Jews

Political Dissidents

Freemasons

Jehovah's Witnesses

Homosexuals

Ethnic Poles

The Mentally Disabled

The Physically Disabled

The Roma

The Sinti

The African Germans

*We especially honor the memory of Mrs. Emma Schwarzhaupt and
Mr. Karl Schwarzhaupt who died in the Theresienstadt
Concentration Camp, Czech Republic. Grandparents who stayed
behind... May their memory be for a blessing... z"l*

Nightwatch by Colin Lichen

read by Ms. Terry Fear

We Remember Them Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer

read by Dr. Debra Israel & Miss Jennifer Garcia-Israel

***Yom HaShoah* Candle Lighting Participants**

Honoring the Jewish victims is Ms. Wilma Turetzky, United Hebrew Congregation Board member.

Honoring the Political Dissidents is Dr. Riem Rostom, Instructor of Mechanical Engineering, Indiana State University.

Honoring the Freemasons is Sister Paula Damiano, Sisters of Providence.

Honoring the Jehovah's Witnesses is Miss Allison Weiner, South Vigo STAND Club.

Honoring the Homosexuals is Mr. Phil Ewoldson, Central Christian Church.

Honoring the Ethnic Poles is Ms. Melissa Reed, Director, Terre Haute Human Relations Commission.

Honoring the mentally disabled is Ms. Selena Cannady, Provider Relations Specialist, Hamilton Center.

Honoring the physically disabled is Ms. Jessica Meadows, an Iraqi War veteran, who currently is a care provider and advocate for the disabled.

Honoring the Roma and Sinti are Charlotte Olsen, Alishba Rizwar, & Jenny Torres, CANDLES Youth Board members.

Honoring the African Germans is Mr. Sylvester Edwards, President, The Greater Terre Haute NAACP.

Yom HaShoah: Even in Darkness it is Possible to Create Light

Isaiah 2: 2 – 4

Mr. Ken Turetzky

In the days to come, the Mount of the Lord's House shall stand firm above the mountains...And all the nations shall gaze on it with joy...

El Malei Rachamim God Full of Compassion

Dr. Bruce Black

Mourner's Kaddish: A Mourner's Prayer in Praise of God

Dr. Herschel Chait

Exalted and hallowed be God's great name in the world which God created, according to plan. May God's majesty be revealed in the days of our lifetime and the life of all Israel—speedily, imminently. To which we say: Amen. Blessed be God's great name to all eternity. Blessed, praised, honored, exalted, extolled, glorified, adored, and lauded be the name of the Holy Blessed One, beyond all earthly words and songs of blessing, praise, and comfort. To which we say: Amen. May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and all Israel. To which we say: Amen. May the One who creates harmony on high, bring peace us and to all Israel. To which we say: Amen.

Please join us as we immediately reconvene downstairs for our speaker's presentation.

Yom HaShoah: Creating Light

My Mother's Story—Creating Light from Darkness and
Optimism out of Tragedy

Dr. Nancy Sommers

Benediction – You Have Called Us to Peace



Dr. Nancy Sommers, a native of Terre Haute and former member of United Hebrew Congregation, is a prize-winning writer and internationally-recognized leader in the field of writing studies. For twenty years, she directed the Harvard College Writing Program and now teaches in the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Dr. Sommers is the author of four college writing handbooks, a blogger for the *Huffington Post*, and an essayist.

Mrs. Louise Levite Sommers was born Liselotte Levite in 1924 in Straubing, Bavaria, Germany. After leaving Nazi Germany, *Lisel* became Louise when she and her family settled in Terre Haute. The Levites eventually made their home in New York City where Mr. Levite became business partners with Julius Sommer and Louise became acquainted with his son Walter. The rest is history... Louise and Walter recently celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary.

Louise's life exemplifies perseverance and *tikkun olam*. She has been an active member of United Hebrew Congregation since 1948: co-chair of the Clothes Closet Project, President of the Temple Women's Organization, and a Religious School teacher. Her greatest joy remains her family: daughter Nancy and son Ron, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

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