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Yom HaShoah

Days of Remembrance

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

11:00 a.m.

Old House Chamber
State Capitol
Montgomery, Alabama

Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens serves as spiritual leader of Temple Beth Or, Montgomery's oldest Jewish congregation. Established in 1852, Temple Beth Or is affiliated with the Reform Movement, the liberal wing of Judaism. Rabbi Stevens has held this position since July 1, 2007.

Prior to moving to Montgomery, Rabbi Stevens served as Associate Executive Vice President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) in New York, the international professional rabbinic association of the Reform Movement, a position he held for 32 years following his ordination in 1975. He directed the CCAR's publications program, ran conferences and conventions throughout North America and in Israel, managed a scholarly quarterly, served as a "rabbi's rabbi" to his colleagues, and parliamentarian to his organization. Following his move to Montgomery, Rabbi Stevens has served on the Board of the Montgomery Area Food Bank, the Community Council of River Region United Way, and the Board of the Montgomery Chorale. He served on the Advisory Board of the UAB Health Center in Montgomery and for four years has chaired the Selection Committee for the River Region Ethics in Business Award. Rabbi Stevens served as co-chair of Interfaith Montgomery, and since 2008 has taught at Huntingdon College. He participated in the National Security Forum at the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base in 2012 and participated in Leadership Montgomery in 2012-2013. He and his wife Sandy Lynn have four children, ages 18 to 38.

AHC Mission Statement

The Alabama Holocaust Commission, a state agency, utilizes both public and private resources to provide Holocaust and genocide education to all Alabamians. Through Holocaust and genocide education, the Commission seeks to foster an understanding of one of the darkest periods in the history of mankind.

The Holocaust provides opportunities, especially for our young people to recognize the need for understanding diverse cultures and the lessons history can teach us about the consequences of discrimination and hatred. In a democratic society, human rights must be maintained, and discrimination and hatred must be eradicated.

The Alabama Holocaust Commission offers its resources to everyone, in hopes of teaching remembrance as well as cultivating a sense of our individual and collective responsibilities in maintaining human rights.

PROGRAM

"CONFRONTING THE HOLOCAUST: AMERICAN RESPONSES"

Welcome	Phyllis Weinstein, AHC Chair Birmingham
Invocation	Rev. Robert S. Graetz Retired Minister, Trinity Lutheran Church Montgomery
Presentation of Proclamation	Governor Robert Bentley
Presentation of Resolution	Representative Paul DeMarco Birmingham
Keynote Address	Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens Temple Beth-Or, Montgomery <i>Lest We Remember, Lest We Forget</i>
Music	Erwin Schulhoff (1894-1942) Sonata for Violin Solo, 1927 II. Andante cantabile Marilyn Pipkin, Violinist, Birmingham
Lighting of Memorial Candles	Dr. Dan Puckett, Program Co-Chair Troy University, Montgomery
Memorial Prayer	Rabbi Scott Kramer Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem Synagogue Montgomery
Shoah Kaddish	Max Steinmetz, Holocaust Survivor
Benediction	Rabbi Scott Kramer Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem Synagogue Montgomery