

**43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE SERVICE  
OF NORTHWEST LOUISIANA  
3pm Sunday, April 19, 2026**

**First Methodist Church at the Head of Texas Street, Shreveport, LA**

**2026 Chair: Laura Crawford  
Centenary Suzuki School Director, Centenary Violin Faculty**

*To honor the lives that were lost during one of humanity's worst moments,  
our community remembers the Holocaust with an annual inclusive service.  
Through our remembering and active cooperation, we strive to obliterate injustice.*

**PROGRAM**

*Gathering Music: "Kaddisch from Two Hebrew Melodies" from the recent Album **Tales of Ravel**  
Arranged and performed by John-Henry Crawford for 8 cellos and Harp*

**Welcome:** Laura Crawford, Daughter of Holocaust Survivor

**Invocation:** Dr. Steven Bell, First Methodist Church, Senior Pastor

**Mayors' Proclamation:**

Mayor Tom Arceneaux, City of Shreveport

Mayor Thomas H. Chandler, City of Bossier City

**Literary and Art Project:** Recognition of Students, Teachers, Judges,  
by Barbara Joseph, North Louisiana Jewish Federation, Executive Director

**Guest Artist/Speaker:** John-Henry Crawford, internationally known cellist  
and grandson of a Holocaust Survivor

**Collaborative pianist:** Dr. Gay Grosz, piano faculty Hurley School of Music

**Selections:**

Schubert: *Du bist di Ruh*

Bloch: *Prayer*

John Williams: *Schindler's List*

Lukas Foss: *Capriccioso*

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## PROGRAM (continued)

**Memorial Candle Lighting:** Introduced by Rabbi Dr. Jana De Benedetti, B'nai Zion

Music during the lighting is *Popper Requiem for 3 cellos and piano*, performed by cellists John-Henry Crawford, Ruth Drummond, Megan Savage, and pianist Dr. Gay Grosz

**Memorial Prayer:** Rabbi David Laor, Congregation Agudath Achim

**Song:** “Lament for a Broken World” by Daniel Barta, Psalm 65:5 Centenary College Choir with Dr. David Hobson Director, John-Henry Crawford cello

**Closing Songs:** “Edelweiss” from Austria (Rogers and Hammerstein, both with Jewish roots) and “God Bless America” written by Irving Berlin, a Jewish immigrant who fled antisemitic violence in Russia in 1893. (Lyrics are found on page 6.)

**Closing Remarks:** Laura Crawford

**Closing Benediction:** Rabbi Jana L. De Benedetti and Centenary College Choir

“May the Lord Bless and Keep You” (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord lift his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious, unto you be gracious;  
the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

**Reception:** We invite you to join us for fellowship and refreshments in Bain Hall.  
Exit left and cross Sprague Street.

*The Holocaust Remembrance Service will be held each year around the time of Yom HaShoah, which falls in April or May. All of the information concerning the next Holocaust Remembrance Service will be posted on the website as soon as the details are available. The deadline for submission of Holocaust Remembrance Student Literary and Art Project entries for middle and high schools will be March 1, 2027.*

Please contact the Holocaust Remembrance Service Committee if you would like to help with the 2027 event in any way or make a financial contribution.

Email: [info@HolocaustRemembranceService.org](mailto:info@HolocaustRemembranceService.org)

Website: [www.HolocaustRemembranceService.org](http://www.HolocaustRemembranceService.org)

# LITERARY & ARTS PROJECT

## Participating Schools and Teachers (\*First time submitting)

Airline High School

- Jamie Hill

C.E. Byrd High School

- April Carberry

Caddo Parish Magnet High

- Ourania Carmody
- Barbara McGuire
- Andrew Medlin
- Katie Sweeten
- Casey Williamson

Caddo Parish Middle Magnet

- Rayleigh Brookshire
- Teri Durst
- Angela Gale
- Samantha J Green
- Angela Vinet

Cope Middle School

- Christine Fox

Elm Grove Middle\*

- Brandy Ferlito

First Baptist Church School

- Barbara Doughty
- Jennifer Dryags

Greenacres Middle School

- Joanne Black
- Ola Harris

Loyola College Preparatory

- Hallie Franks
- Mark Pachankis

Parkway High School

- Ashley Perkins

Southfield School

- Laurie Burk

St. Mark's Cathedral School

- Sarah Chaudoir

## Judges

**Art, Middle School and High School:** Kelly McDade, Julie Miller, Henry Price

**Short Story:** Jenny McGuirk, Deborah Morehead, Cheryl Rubin

**Poetry:** Katie Bickham, Deborah Morehead, Cheryl Rubin

**Music:** Jennifer Carsillo, Kermit Poling

**Essay, High School:** Alexander Mikaberidze, Deborah Morehead, Karen Soileau

**Essay, Middle School:** Barbara McGuire, Karen Soileau, Katie Sweeten

## STUDENT WINNING ENTRIES

**Middle School Awards for Each Category:** \$200 First Place; \$100 Second Place; \$50 Third Place

**High School Awards for Each Category:** \$400 First Place; \$200 Second Place; \$100 Third Place

Visit [holocaustremembranceservice.org/2026-winners](https://holocaustremembranceservice.org/2026-winners), or use this code to see all winning entries:



### MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNERS

#### ESSAY

**FIRST:** Iriana Cheng, “Preservation for Justice,”  
Greenacres Middle School  
**SECOND:** Sohani Shah, “Eyewitness to the Holocaust,”  
Caddo Parish Middle Magnet  
**THIRD:** Sara Kojic, “An Hour Between Life and Death,”  
Caddo Parish Middle Magnet  
**THIRD:** Abbie Specian, “The ‘Boom’ing Hero,” Caddo Parish  
Middle Magnet

#### ART

**FIRST:** Iriana Cheng, “Beneath the Apple Tree,”  
Greenacres Middle School  
**SECOND:** Paphada Senphimmachack, “Yellow  
Butterfly,” Greenacres Middle School  
**THIRD:** Sakuya Nonaka, “The Wheels that Carry  
Change; The Wheels that Carry the Future,” Caddo  
Parish Middle Magnet

### HIGH SCHOOL WINNERS

#### ESSAY

**FIRST:** Frances Jenkins, “A Big Tent,” Loyola College  
Prep  
**FIRST:** Max Shen, “Carl Lutz: The Quiet Conscience of  
Budapest,” Caddo Parish Magnet High School  
**THIRD:** Sahil Thorat, “How Marcel Pinte Affected Me,”  
Caddo Parish Magnet High School

#### SHORT STORY

**FIRST:** Keerthan Jaganmohan, “A Burden to Pass  
Forward,” Caddo Parish Magnet High School  
**SECOND:** Raegan Cooksey, “A Quiet Rebellion,” Airline  
High School

#### POETRY

**FIRST:** Ariv Kohli, “Questions Beneath the Buried Jars,”  
Caddo Parish Magnet High School  
**SECOND:** Frances Cook, “No Name Pilecki,” Loyola  
College Prep  
**SECOND:** Tanmayee Iskapalli, “Bloom,” Caddo Parish  
Magnet High School

#### ART

**FIRST:** Brianna Matthew, “Unexpected Protector,”  
Airline High School  
**SECOND:** Gwyn Kennedy, “A Hero Between the Lines  
of Paper and Ink,” Parkway High School  
**THIRD:** Christiyana Washington, “Embrace of Hope,”  
Airline High School

#### MUSIC

**HONOR:** Bradley Cook, “Starry-eyed,” Loyola College Prep

## MEMORIAL CANDLE LIGHTING

We light 11 candles in memory of the 11 million people who perished during the Holocaust: six million Jews and five million others. These are our candle lighters this year:

**Laurie Boswell**, Director of Holy Angels, representing victims with disabilities

**Michael Buttermann**, Conductor of Shreveport Symphony, and **Jennifer Carsillo**, violinist;  
representing the Jewish musicians who were forced to perform for both the Nazi commanders and Jewish prisoners of the death camps

**Pastor Tim Carscadden**, Apostle and Senior Pastor of the Christian Center, representing the Righteous Gentiles who hid and saved many Jews, and who currently makes great efforts to continue to save the survivors of the Holocaust

**Laura Crawford**, child of a Survivor, lost relatives

**Patti David**, child of survivors: Sara & Leon David

**Very Rev. Alston Johnson**, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, representing family and church

**Sidney Kent**, lost all grandparents, aunts and uncles

**Very Most Reverend Bishop Francis Ignatius Malone**, Catholic Diocese of Shreveport,  
Representing the Catholic priests and nuns who hid and saved many Jews

**Berte Muslow**, mother of children and grandchildren living in Israel,  
and representing the largest population of survivors, who currently live in Israel

**Dr. Cory Wikan**, Dean of Hurley School of Music, representing LGBTQ+ victims

**Tammy Willson**, child of survivors: Isaac Daniel and Annemarie Ain

## MEMORIAL PRAYER, Rabbi David Laor

*Eloheinu veilohei Avoteinu v'Imoteinu* – Our G-d and G-d of our ancestors, we stand before You in awe and also in brokenhearted remembrance.

We remember the six million *K'doshim* – Jewish holy martyrs of the Holocaust, whose lives were extinguished in darkness, and the five million others murdered by the Nazis. We cry out from the words of the Psalm 147 that says: “*G-d heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*” We pray that their memory be bound eternally in light and compassion.

We also remember all peoples struck by violence since the Shoah. *El Rachum v'Chanun* – O merciful and kind God, we bring before You today the pain of a fractured world. Let not hatred define the children of Creation, for as it is written in the book of Genesis we are each created, *B'tzelem Elohim* – in the image of G-d. *Adonai Tz'vaot* G-d of Hosts, replace fear with understanding, and vengeance with justice tempered by mercy. Please bring *Shalom*, peace into this world – not only absence of war and hatred – but wholeness and healing for all humanity.

And Dear G-d, even as you provide for comfort to us as we mourn, please help us to have the courage to work with you to create a more peaceful world for our families and our future.

And let us say: Amen.

## LYRICS

### “Lament for a Broken World” for Choir, Cello and Piano, by Daniel Barta, Psalm 65:5

*Lord, hear our prayer that's rarely spoken,  
Our lives, our word is sorely broken.  
Our spirits groan to you alone.  
Lord, we confess our hope is falling.  
Restore a higher, nobler calling.*

*What can we do though frail and weak,  
How should we pray when words don't speak?  
Hear our prayer Lord. Hear our prayer.  
Your mercy is our desperate need,  
For mercy, Lord, we humbly plead.*

*Lord, you answer us with awesome deeds,  
You answer us with righteous deeds,  
O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth.*

### Edelweiss

*by Oscar Hammerstein II (lyrics)  
and Richard Rodgers (music)*

*Edelweiss, Edelweiss  
Every morning you greet me  
Small and white, clean and bright  
You look happy to meet me*

*Blossom of snow,  
May you bloom and grow  
Bloom and grow forever  
Edelweiss, Edelweiss  
Bless my homeland forever*

### God Bless America

*by Irving Berlin*

*While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,  
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.  
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,  
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.*

*God bless America, land that I love.  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with the light from above.*

*From the mountains to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America, my home sweet home,  
God bless America, my home sweet home.*

## SPECIAL THANKS

### Thank you to everyone on today's program, and:

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PREVIOUS NORTHWEST LOUISIANA HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>
1984	Sunday, April 29	1 <sup>st</sup> Methodist	Film "Genocide"	700	
1985	Wednesday, April 17	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist	Dr. James Wood (Methodist)	600	Don Hathaway
1986	Sunday, May 4	Sunset Acres Baptist	Film "To Bear Witness"	600	Stan Tiner
1987	Sunday, April 26	St. Mary of the Pines	Fr. Ronald Modras (Catholic)	200	Judge Carl Stewart
1988	Wednesday, April 13	Mt. Canaan Baptist	Dr. Dorothy Heights (Baptist)	600	Lloyd Lenard
1989	Wednesday, May 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian	Rev. Dombalce (Greek Orthodox)	200	Dr. Grady Bogue
1990	Wednesday, April 25	Broadmoor Baptist	Dr. John Roth (Professor)	400	Bishop William Friend
1991	Sunday, April 7	St. John's	Fr. Earl Carroll (Episcopalian)	500	Dr. Donald Webb
1992	Sunday, May 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Methodist	Cantata	800	Virginia Shehee
1993	Sunday, May 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist	Dr. Hubert Locke (Afro Am. Prof)	850	Fletcher Thorne-Thomsen
1994	Sunday, April 10	Broadmoor Un. Methodist	Rev. John Pawlikowski (Catholic)	700	Jim Montgomery
1995	Sunday, May 7	St. Mark's Episcopal	Dr. Hubert Locke	500	John Hussey
1996	Sunday, April 14	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Bossier	Plater Robinson	350	J.D. Caruthers
1997	Sunday, May 4	Kings Hwy. Christian	Mark Weitzman	800	Michael Craft
1998	Sunday, April 26	St. Paul's Episcopal	Lawrence Silverman	400	Mack McCarter
1999	Sunday, April 11	Brown Memorial Chapel	Caddo Magnet High students (readings)	350	Barbara Thorne-Thomsen
2000	Sunday, April 30	1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian	Sara Jane Bloomfield	500	Ed Bradley
2001	Sunday, April 29	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist	Caddo Magnet Choir	400	James Clark
2002	Sunday, April 7	1 <sup>st</sup> United Methodist	Video	400	James Foster
2003	Sunday, May 4	Summer Grove Baptist	Elliot Dlin (Holocaust Center)	900	Ronnie Smith
2004	Sunday, April 18	St. Mark's Episcopal	Shreveport Symphony Cello Quartet	300	Forrest Dunn
2005	Sunday, May 15	1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian	Airline Choir & Fletcher Thorne-Thomsen	500	Simone Hennessee
2006	Sunday, April 30	Catholic Center	Bishop William Friend		Raymond Morris
2007	Sunday, April 15	Summer Grove Baptist	Dr. Rose Van Thyn		Tom Arceneaux
2008	Sunday, May 4	St. John's	Dr. Steve Feller		Pete Zammiller
2009	Sunday, April 19	St. Paul's Episcopal	Dr. Mark Wygoda	225	Anil Nanda
2010	Sunday, April 11	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Bernice Lewis	325	B. David Rowe
2011	Wednesday, April 27	Brown Memorial Chapel	Dr. Brad Prager	225	Pen Peery
2012	Sunday, April 22	1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian	Dr. David Barnouw	225	Dr. Mike Anderson
2013	Sunday, April 7	Haynes Av Baptist Church	Livia Gal; Eliot Haas; Videos	150	Pastor Tim Carscadden
2014	Sunday, April 27	Christian Center	Dr. Donald Webb & Sidney Kent	200	Rev Alston Johnson
2015	Sunday, April 19	St Mark's Episcopal	Nico Van Thyn	275	Father Rothell Price
2016	Sunday, May 1	St. Mary of the Pines	Joe Rosenbaum, Tehran Child	400	Reggie Abrams
2017	Sunday, April 23	First Baptist Shreveport	Armin Guggenheim	350	Dr. Christopher Holoman
2018	Sunday, April 15	Brown Chapel, Centenary	"Music of the Holocaust"	200	Curtis Joseph
2019	Sunday, May 5	Broadmoor United Methodist	Videos of Holocaust Survivors	300	
2020	Sunday, April 19	Online			
2021	Sunday, April 11	Broadmoor United Methodist	Literary / Arts Winner Presentation	25	Bishop Larry Brandon
2022	Sunday, May 1	Broadmoor United Methodist	Literary / Arts Winner Presentation	50	Bishop Larry Brandon
2023	Sunday, April 16	Zion Baptist Church	Andras Lacko	175	Pastor Brady L. Blade, Sr.
2024	Sunday, May 5	LSUS Ballroom	"Memoirs of a Child Survivor" by Sonia Levitin	226	Dr. Kenna Franklin
2025	Sunday, April 27	St. Paul's Episcopal Church	Kathy Kacer, Author and Child of Survivors	310	The Rev. Michael Cannon
2026	Sunday April 19	First Methodist Church	John-Henry Crawford	750	Laura Crawford