United Nations Holocaust Memorial Ceremony

Jan. 27th, 11:00 a.m. EST, United Nations Headquarters



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Ms. Melissa Fleming, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications will host the ceremony. The event includes remarks by United Nations Secretary-General; the President of the 77th session of the General Assembly and the Permanent Representatives of Israel and the United States to the United Nations. Professor Debórah Dwork will deliver the keynote address. Mr. Jacques Grishaver of the Netherlands will share his testimony as a survivor of the Holocaust. Professor Ethel Brooks will speak to the persecution and mass murder of the Roma and Sinti. Two grandchildren of Holocaust survivors will present - Professor Karen Frostig and Mr. Michael Shaham. Musicians include Ms. Shoshana Shattenkirk, Mr. Michael Shaham (who will perform on a Violin of Hope). Professor Renée Jolles will perform a piece for violin specially composed by Ms. Victoria Bond for the 2023 Holocaust memorial ceremony. Cantor Nissim Saal will recite the memorial prayer.

Professor Karen Frostig is Founding Director of the LOCKER OF MEMORY project. The project is dedicated to recovering the history of the Jungfemhof concentration camp where 3985 German and Austrian Jews were imprisoned. Many were murdered at the site, in nearby forests or satellite camps, or died of inhumane treatment. One hundred and forty-nine persons survived. Today, there are six living survivors. Three survivors, Herbert Mai, Pete Stern, and Fred Zeilberger attend monthly meetings in a group with descendants of the victims.

The event will be live-streamed. Log into the live link on January 27, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. EST https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1j/k1jjl8fwc5

Program will be archived on UN site for Holocaust Remembrance https://www.un.org/en/holocaustremembrance/observance/

Visit the project website at https://www.lockerofmemory.com to learn more about the programme and the history of the Jungfernhof concentration camp and the project team.

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