Plans for 50th Annversary of Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

Sabbath of Heroism

Special services Saturday Morning, April 17, 9:00 AM. Abridge services. Aliyoth-to representatives of : Warsaw upsrising, partisans, Israel defense forces, american veteran, societ veterans.

Guest speaker: Dr Michael Nutkiewicz, Martyrs' Memorial

Kiddush lunch follows

Saturday night 6:30? 7:00 ? PM

Havdalah to end Shabbat

Lighting of candles of commemoration-- dedicated to Mordecai Anilewictz, Hannah Szenes,other heroes.Lighting by families representing survivors, 2nd, 3rd generation.

Celebration of the Survival of the Jewish People-Lechayim to the Jewish People.

Photo exhibit-Marcia Jospehy curator at Amrtytr's memorial. can provide us with ready mounted photos on theme of heroism. 651-3175.

Letter to

1) President Bill Clinton

The White House

Washington, D.C 20500

cc. Ms. Sarah Urdman

Liaison for Jewish affairs

2) SEnator David Roberti

President Pro Tem

California State assembly

205 Capitol Building

Sacramento CA 95814

3) Mayor Tom Bradley

City Hall

200 N Spring St

Los Angeles, CA

4) Governor Pete Wilson

State Capitol

Sacramento

95814

cc Ms.Rosalie Zalis, Advisor to the Governor

same address

Dear Governor Wilson

The American Congress of Jewish Survivors of Concentration Camps will hold a special Sabbath of Heroism to commemorate the 50th Year of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising on April 19, 1943. Services of commemoration will be held on Saturday, April 17, 1993, at Hollywood Temple Beth El in Los Angeles.

We respectfully ask that you issue a proclamation declaring the week of April 17-23, as the Week of Heroism, honoring the spiritual and physical courage of the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, the members of the Partisan resistance movements, and soldiers of the allied defense forces who fought against the evil of Nazism.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Mandel Rabbi Norbert Weinberg

President

American Congress of Jewish Survivors of Concentration Camps

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We respectfully ask your help in seeing to the preparing of

this proclamation , as we believe that the message of physical and spiritual resistance by Jews to Nazi terror is one that has been overlooked.

We suggest including such points:

On April 19,1943 , in the Ghetto of Warsaw, Poland, on the eve of the Passover celebration which recalls ancient Israel's liberation from Egyptian bondage, a handful of Jewish men and women began a desparate struggle against the military might of Nazi Germany.

During the darkest moments of systematic and deliberate genocide of the Jewish people by Hitler and his henchmen, this uprising held at bay the powerful German army for 23 days and served as an inspiration for all resistance movements, and contributed to the victory of the Allied Forces.

The Week of April 17-23 shall be declared the Week of Heroism, honoring the spiritual and physical courage of the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, the members of the Partisan resistance movements, and soldiers of the Allied defense forces who fought against the evil of Nazism.

Let this week be dedicated to the teaching of the dignity of all peoples, of tolerance and appreciation of the basic rights of all peoples to live in tranquility and in peace.

May it be dedicated to the vision of the Prophet Isaiah, inscribed at the entrance to the United Nations:

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation

Neither shall they learn war any more ( Isaiah 2:4)

Sincerely yours,

Jack Mandel

Rabbi Norbert Weinberg

letter to Jack Mandel, American Congresscc. Max Cukier, Harry Kotler, Joe HellerJoe Nussbaum, David HonigDear Jack: April 30,1992 As today is Yom Hashoah, I want to turn my attention toYom Hashoah for next year, which will mark 50 years to theWarsaw ghetto uprising. This year, since the city established the monument toPan Pacific Park last week, and the communuty will hold itscommemoration this coming Sunday, I did not try to organize amajor commemoration, beyond the program which we held in ourreligious school with our children. Next year, the date of the Warsaw ghetto uprising, April19,a Monday, falls exactly on the heels of 27 Nisan, nextyear, April 18, a Sunday. It is my recommendation that Hollywood Temple Beth El,in conjunction with the American Congress of Jews from Polandand Survivors of Concentration Camps sponsor a specialcommemoration on the theme of Gevurah: 50 Years to the Warsawghetto uprising. Since it is a Sunday, it can be held during the day, andit can be geared especially to educators and youth. Such aday could include speakers on the theme of Jewish Resistance,not only military, as in the ghetto revolts and the Partisanmovements, but political, as in the attempts to organize thecommunities to stand up under Nazi oppression, and spiritual,as in the leadership of such figures as Rabbi Leo Baeck, toencourage and support our people in time of trouble. We couldbe assited in such a program by the staff of the Martyr'sMemorial, the Wiesenthal Center, or the University ofJudaism. May I suggest that we set a convenient time for apreliminary planning session in the near future to discussthis. Shalom,Rabbi NW

Letter to : Jack Mandel, Dec 23Dear Jack, I hope that this letter finds you well on the way torecovery and that next year you celebrate Channukah in thebest of health. As I have mentioned to you, I believe that this year,especially, Hollywood Temple Beth El must have a significantcommemoration for Yom Hashoah because it coincides with the50th Anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising, andconcurrent with it, the message of Jewish gevurah, heroism,in the face of impossible odds, a vital message for ouryounger generations. We have a unique opportunity, as you are aware, ofhaving in our midst your own organization, the AmericanCongress of Jews form POland and Survivors of ConcentrationCamps. As you are aware, we have also begun significant workin reaching out to the large Russian immigrant community, andI have begun contacts with Mr. Leonid Biller, head of theAssociation of Veterans of World War II of the former SovietUnion. These veterans were in the front ranks of the fightagainst Hitler, while at the same time, having to hold theirown again anti‑Semitism under Stalin. They include alsonumerous concentration camp survivors. I have spoken with Dr. Michael Nutkiewicz, of theMartyrs Memorial, who is very supportive of such acmmemoration and would help us in the planning. He is alsointerested in making contact with the Russian association,since this is a group of survivors who have not yet beenwidely interviewed for oral testimony, a vital project.He has also suggested involving the Second Generationorganization, led by Dr. Gary Schiller. I have in mind a memorial service, on Monday, April 19,either in the late afternoon, at 4:30 or early evening, at7:00, a time which I believe avoids the major communitycommemoration of the martyrs Memorial on Sunday, April 18.Either time slot would also ennable the attendance of ouryouth, which is itself a vital goal. At the service , wecould have a guest speaker, provided by the martyr'sMemorial, as well as testimony of personal experiences ofcourage by members of both the Congress and the Veteransassociation. I believe that this would serve as a worthy testimonialto our heroes which we can not forgo. Shalom,Rabbi cc.Leonid Biller 1635 N Martel Ave #307LA 90046 Dr Michael Nutkiewicz, Martyrs Memorial ,6505 Wilshire,90048Joe Nussbaum, David Honig, Max Cuckier, Harry Kotler,JoeHeller, Dr. Gary Schiller c/0 10833 La Conte Ave. 42‑121Center for Health Science, LA CA 90024‑1678.

Yom Hashoah‑‑April 10, 1991 Wednesday night. 7:00PMIn main sanctuaryLights on only in front rows. Bimah dark,back rows blackedout.Speakers stand on floor befor Bimah, with mircophoneTable on bimah with six memorial candles, table draped withdark cloth. Minha Maariv‑begin at 7:00 propmptly.Joe Galavansky‑begin Minha.Cantor Katzman‑Maariv‑ in back of Saturday prayerbook.Keepbrief.Before opening of Maariv‑chant‑Zog nisht keyn mal‑The Song of the PartisansNever say that you are going your last way...The earth shallthunder 'neath our tread that we are here!Barchu,HaMaariv,Ahavat Olam Memorial for the Holocaust‑composed by the Rebbe from Bobov,translated form the Hebrew original. Read by Danit Weinberg Remember and mourn, All Israel//Let your voice be heard onhigh//For Germany has destroyed our people in the daysof the fury of war// With cruel and bizarre deaths, withhunger and thirst.//Never forget in all the genrations, untilyou shall merit to see your consolation. Their appeals and their cries, as they were crowded andlocked in cattle cars/ like sheep to slaughter and brought toburn in the furnaces,/ Will be eternally remembered by theOne who dwells on high,// as they recited Shma Yisrael andgave their lives for the sake of the Lord of all Lords. . . Cry out, heaven and earth, for the thousands of towns,centers of Torah//, of the lands and communities of Europe,the inheritors and keepers of the tradition//Saints, elders, pious, imbued with pure faith//.From the day we were exiled from our land, never was theresuch horrid destruction. Have mercy on our remnants, look down from heaven// To thecamps of the righteous, ten times the numbers of those wholeft Egypt//Rebuild our Temple, Comfort us two‑fold/ Raise usup and bring us to Zion and Jerusalem.4 After Amida ‑Betty Egan reads Poem "Kol Nidre in Gleiwitz #4" by Leo Egan Add sefirah #12Complete service through Alenu Ceremony for the Lighting of Memorial Candles in Memory ofthe Six Million‑Lit by survivors and their childrenCall on Jack Mandel, Pres of Congress,Harry Kotlar, DavidHonig,Max Cukier, Leo Egan,Irene Weinberg,self and Danit orAdi Announce appreciation to our Men's Club for havingdistributed memorial candles to our member's homes.They canbe picked up after the program,if you do not yet have one..Cantor‑El Maleh.Consider dropping Kaddish of Levi YitzhakKaddish of Rebbe Levi Yizhok of BerditchevRead by Jack Mandel , President, American Congress of Jewsfrom Poland and Survivors of Concentration Camps Lord of the Universe.I, Levi Yitzhok ben Soroh of Berditchev bring a law suitagainstyou from your people, Israel. What do you have against your people, Israel!At all times, you say," Command the children of Israel.""Speak to the children of Israel. " Master of mercy‑‑how many nations do you have in the world ?Persians, Babylonians, Edomites.The Russians saytheir Tsar is the Tsar.The Germans that their Kaiser is theKaiser,The English that their king is the King. But I, Levi Yitzhak ben Soroh of Berditchev sayYisgadal veyiskadash shmeh rabohAnd I Levi Yitzhak ben Soroh of Berditchev say:I will not move from my spotuntil the end comes, until there is and end to exile!Yisgadal veyiskadash shmeh raboh.! Mourner's Kaddish read byMax Cukier Introduction by Rabbi:Guest speaker:Robert Clary, noted actor of stage, screen ,and television,and a survivor of the Concentration Camps. Participants are invited to meet in the Sapper Hall forrefreshments sponsored by the Sisterhood. Yom Hashoah‑Holocaust Memorial Day ‑April 10, 1991 27 Nisan 5751 Wednesday night. 7:00PM Minha Service led by Mr.Joe Galavansky Zog nisht keyn mal‑The Song of the Partisans Cantor Mark Katzman Never say that you are going your last way...The earth shall thunder 'neath our tread that we are here! Maariv Service led by Cantor Katzman Memorial for the Holocaust‑composed by the Rebbe from Bobov, translated form the Hebrew original. Read by Danit Weinberg Poem "Kol Nidre in Gleiwitz #4" by Leo Egan , read by Betty Egan Ceremony for the Lighting of Memorial Candles in Memory of the Six Million ‑Lit by survivors and their children Participants are reminded to light the memorial candles distributed by the Men's Club to our members' homes. Cantor‑El Maleh. Kaddish of Rebbe Levi Yizhok of Berditchev Read by Jack Mandel , President, American Congress of Jews from Poland and Survivors of Concentration Camps Mourner's Kaddish read by Max Cukier Introduction by Rabbi Norbert Weinberg to Guest speaker: Robert Clary, noted actor of stage, screen ,and television, and a survivor of the Concentration Camps. We extend our appreciation to the Jewish Television Network for sponsoring our guest speaker on this occasion.

**From the desk of**

**Rabbi Norbert Weinberg**

**Hollywood Temple Beth El**

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Mr. Herb Brin

Heritage

February 1, 1995

Dear Herb:

On the occasion of the 50th year of the liberation of Auschwitz one of our survivors, Leo Egon, wrote his personal account of liberation from Gleiwitz-4( one of the neighboring camps).

He writes a free hand poetry, with Yiddishism, as you can see, and I have tried to correct some typos but leave the original "flavor".

You are free to use it in your letter to the editor column or where appropriate. It is very poignant, as are many of his poems.

He is also, lehavdil, a very good humorist as well as a recounter of days gone by in pre-Shoah Poland in the Shetl and in Lodz.

Shalom,

Rabbi Norbert Weinberg

Mr. Jack Mandel, President

American Congress of Survivors

1024 Orlando Ave

Los Angeles, CA 90069

March 17, 1995

Dear Jack,

As we are approaching the 50th year of the end of the Shoah, I would like to ask the American Congress to undertake a project which I believe will deliver a wonderful message of hope and at the same time help Hollywood Temple Beth El.

As you are aware, we have one wall, in the lobby dedicated to the martyrs. I believe that we owe it to the future generations to have a wall dedicated to the children and grandchildren of the survivors, which we can call a" Monument to the Future".

Such a memorial would have an aesthetically designed motif, which could incorporate images of family, study, America and Israel. There would be space for either actual photographs of the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, which could be preserved by some laminating process, or leaves, upon which their names and birthdays could be inscribed. One section could be dedicated to the children of Israel, depicting the park that the Congress has sponsored. Other survivor organizations could be invited to join in.

One way to raise money for this would be to charge for each family, according to the size of the family, starting perhaps at $100 for survivor ( single or couple), and up to three names of children or grandchildren. Each additional name would be $25.

If a survivor has, for example, two children, and four grandchildren, we would raise $175. We could also allow for nephews or nieces, for example, if there are survivors who don't have any children. If 100 survivors participate, we can immediately raise $10,000. If 1,000 survivors participate, we can raise $100,000. Of course, there is an opportunity for large donations to sponsor the monument itself.

Money collected would go to supporting Jewish education--

we would use it to sponsor our religious school, for example.

This would send a wonderful message of the vitality and continuity of the Jewish people, and the dedication of the monument could be accompanied by much publicity. It would also serve as a way to bring the survivors closer to the Temple, as they will feel their family literally inscribed in our facility.

Please discuss this with the members of the Congress. It would be wonderful if we could announce such a project in time for this years Holocaust Memorial events in the end of April or early May.

With best wishes for a joyous Pesah,

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Norbert Weinberg

cc. Harry Kotlar, David Honig, Joe Nussbaum, Frances Linsk, Jule Rivlin.