

Holocaust service slated April 12

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As a part of the national commemoration of the World War II Holocaust, the Student Government Association and the JSU Holocaust Committee will present a memorial service on April 12 for the victims of Hitler's concentration camps.

The service will consist of music, readings, and a movie, followed by a discussion period.

"This is a national memorial. (Our service) is just one part of it. Many schools and civic organizations help sponsor it," said Linda Cain, committee chairperson.

"This program is particularly important now that so many people are getting older that know about it. This is an important part of our history, and we have to learn about it so as not to repeat it," she said.

That "part of our history" is the systematic destruction of six million Jews by the Nazis between June, 1941, and May, 1945. Hitler called it "The Final Solution of the Jewish Problem." In all, estimates put the total number of deaths, including those of Gypsies, homosexuals, and the mentally retarded, somewhere between 18 and 26 million.

The committee members, including Cain, Dr. Steve Whitton, Teresita Suco, Mary Hannah, Kelly McCrelless, and Rev. Dale Clem,

have put together a program of readings and music designed to remind people of what went on in that period that allowed the Holocaust to take place.

"It was just a matter of indifference. People were indifferent to each other in that situation, and that is what this program is all about," said Cain.

The program includes:

--"Hear My Prayer, O Lord," by Dvorak, Op. 99: Dr. Samuel Brown, Music Department Faculty, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Catherine Brown

--"A Testimony in Many Tongues," four readings by an unknown author: Koen Jansen, Alpha Psi Omega Drama Fraternity member

--*To Bear Witness* (film)

--"Turn Thee to Me," by Dvorak, Op.99: Dr. Brown, Mrs. Brown

--Terezin Poems: Laurel Read,

Alpha Psi Omega Drama Fraternity member

--Kaddish: Mr. Hyman Gordan, Temple Beth El (Anniston).

The Kaddish is traditionally recited by mourners at public services after the death of close relatives. It is offered in remembrance of those who were systematically exterminated during World War II.

In conjunction with the service, a display of books on the Holocaust will be set up. Some of the titles displayed are: *The Holocaust*, Martin Gilbert; *The Holocaust and the Historian*, Lucy S. Dawidowicz; *Accounting for Genocide*, Helen Fein, *Never to Forget the Jews*, Milton Meltzer; and *Teaching the Holocaust to Children*, Diane Roskies.

The commemoration is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Wallace School of Nursing Auditorium (second floor). Everyone is invited to attend, and a reception will follow.

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