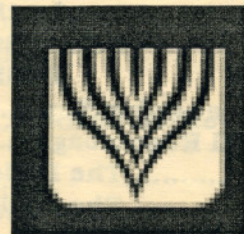


# Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance



## Jewish Federation of Huntsville and North Alabama



April 26, 2006  
5:30 P.M.

Temple B'nai Sholom  
Huntsville, Alabama

## PROGRAM

**Welcome..... Paul Kunitz and Richard Brooks**  
**Stars Spangled Banner..... Congregation**  
**Hatikvah ..... Congregation**

O say can you see,  
By the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd  
At the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,  
Thro' the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd,  
Were so gallantly streaming?

So long as still within the inmost heart  
a Jewish spirit sings,  
so long as the eye looks eastward, gazing toward Zion,  
our hope is not lost --  
that hope of two millennia,  
to be a free people in our land,  
in the land of Zion and Jerusalem.

And the rocket's red glare,  
The bombs bursting in air  
Gave proof thro' the night  
That our flag was still there.  
O say, does that star-spangled  
Banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free  
And the home of the brave.

Kol od balevav p'nimah  
Nefesh Yehudi homiyah  
Ulfa'atey mizrach kadimah  
Ayin l'tzion tzofiyah  
Od lo avdah tikvatenu  
Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim  
L'hiyot am chofshi b'artzenu  
Eretz Tzion v'Yerushalayim

**Invocation..... Rabbi Bernard M. Honan**  
**Student Readings..... Mary Hudson (Lee High School)**  
**Individuals Making a Difference..... Tia Smith & Whitney Payton**

*"First they came for the Communists"*, Poem by Niemoller..... 8 Students  
Dexter Strong, Josh Johnson, Jeremy Williams, April Allison,  
Emily Hancock, Joel Hisaw, Lindsay Otto, Alisha Ragland

On Oscar Schindler .....April Allison  
On Paul Rusosabagina.....Emily Hancock  
Poem.....The Ruddy Queen of Auschwitz .....Joel Hisaw  
Poem .....The Walls of Auschwitz.....Michael Kennedy  
Poem by Primo Leevy .....Lindsay Otto, Jeremy Williams  
Roll Call of Victims .....Alisha Ragland, Josh Johnson, Whitney Payton  
Birdsong (anonymous poem written in Terezin).....Josh Johnson,  
Jeremy Williams, Joel Hisaw

Scene from "Anne Frank" .....Piper Madison, Zac Hale (Randolph School)

Last Butterfly ..... Allison Averbuch

Lighting of the Candles ..... Rabbi Jeffrey L. Ballon and Richard Brooks

Candle 1 .....Regina Dembo, Ernest and Hilda Nathan

Candle 2 ..... Philip and Maria Alterizio and Sue Helms

Candle 3.....Morris Schindler, Howard Polin, Bill Goldberg, and Carter Hale

Candle 4..... Louanne Jacobs and Pamela Rhodes

Candle 5..... Whitney Payton, Josh Johnson, and Tia Smith

Candle 6.....Rachel Frost, Justin Prior,  
Tristan Childress, and Kelsey Goodman

Candle 7..... John Rison Jones

7th Candle Award Presentation ..... Margaret Anne Goldsmith

**Kaddish ..... Rabbi Jeffrey L. Ballon and Congregation**

Let the glory of God be extolled, let His great name be hallowed, in the world whose creation He willed. May His kingdom soon prevail, in our own day, our own lives, and the life of all Israel, and let us say: Amen.

Let His great name be blessed for ever and ever.

Let the name of the Holy One, blessed be He, be glorified, exalted, and honored, though He is beyond all the praises, songs, and adorations that we can utter, and let us say: Amen.

For us and for all Isreal, may the blessing of peace and the promise of life come true, and let us say: Amen.

May He who causes peace to reign in the high heavens, let peace descend on us, on all Isreal, and all the world, and let us say: Amen.

May the Source of peace send peace to all who mourn, and comfort to all who are bereaved. Amen.

**Transliteration**

Yit-gadal v'yit-kadash sh'may raba  
b'alma dee-v'ra che-ru-tay, ve'yam-  
lich mal-chutay b'chai-yay-chon  
uv'yo-may-chon uv-cha-yay d'chol  
beit Yisrael, ba-agala u'vitze-man ka-  
riv, ve'imru amen.

Y'hay sh'may raba me'varach le-alam  
uleh-almay alma-ya.

Yit-barach v'yish-tabach, v'yit-pa-ar  
v'yit-romam v'yit-nasay, v'yit-hadar  
v'yit-aleh v'yit-halal sh'may d'koo-  
d'shah, b'rich hoo. layla (ool-ayla)\*  
meen kol beer-chata v'she-rata,  
toosh-b'chata v'nay-ch'mata, da-a  
meran b'alma, ve'imru amen.

Y'hay sh'lama raba meen sh'maya  
v'cha-yim aleynu v'al kol Yisrael,  
ve'imru amen.

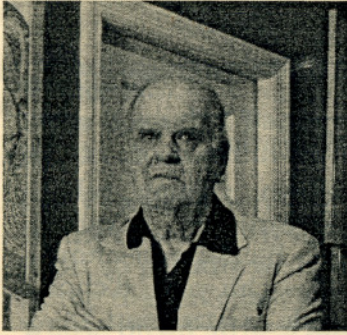
O'seh shalom beem-romav, hoo ya'ah-  
seh shalom aleynu v'al kol Yisrael,  
ve'imru amen.

**El Molay ..... Rabbi Jeffrey L. Ballon**

God full of mercy who dwells on high  
Grant perfect rest on the wings of Your Divine Presence  
In the lofty heights of the holy and pure  
who shine as the brightness of the heavens  
to the souls of my all my people who were among  
the holy and the pure  
who were put to death, slain, slaughtered  
burned to death or suffocated in the sanctification of God's name.

May their resting place be in the Garden of Eden.  
Let the Master of mercy will care for them  
under the protection of His wings for all time  
And bind their souls in the bond of everlasting life.  
God is their inheritance and they will rest in peace  
and let us say Amen.

**Concluding Remarks ..... Richard Brooks**



## **John Rison Jones**

John was born in 1924, in Huntsville, into a family of builders, bankers and educators. He enlisted in the Army at age 18, as Private First Class Jones, a member of L-Company, 414th Regiment, 104th Infantry Division, landing in France three months after the Normandy invasion. The Army and the fighting took him to Nordhausen.

On April 11, 1945 John and his company entered the slave labor camp at Dora-Nordhausen. He was not prepared for what he found there - 5,000 corpses and 6,000 inmates starving to death. His memories are of smells of burning flesh and of inmates looking like "bones wrapped in skin". The week he was assigned there was his most profound life experience.

Trying to comprehend the brutality he had witnessed at Nordhausen, a place "where science and death met", John wrestled with two troubling questions: "Why did I survive?" and "How can one believe in god?" He received good mentorship and an excellent education at Sewanee followed, after two years of teaching there, by graduate studies at the University of North Carolina and a Fulbright Scholarship at the University of Paris.

Returning to a segregated South, and being disillusioned with curriculum education led John to join the Office of Economic Opportunity in 1966, and involvement with Sargent Shriver's Poverty Program, and Upward Bound, assisting minorities overcome educational and cultural disadvantages to matriculate in formerly all white colleges. John retired from the Office of Education in 1986, having had the gratification of "seeing my innovations and work have immediate success."

After "retiring" back home in Huntsville John became very active in community service. This includes long, fruitful service with The Historical Society, Cemetery Pilgrimage, the Greater Huntsville Fund and the Huntsville Museum of Art, of which he is a longstanding and active Board member and major contributor.

Several years ago John was present at the Huntsville Public Library during a program presented by local Holocaust denier Robert Countess and British notable David Irving. During that meeting John, in an uncharacteristic display of pique, rose to powerfully deny the deniers. He describes that as one of his prouder moments.

Invited to speak at this Temple's 1994 Yom Hashoah program, John uncovered long-buried, painful memories, and in Elie Wiesel's words recognized that it was his "time to bear witness". He concluded his remarks with a quotation from an old friend: "Religion is for those who are afraid of Hell. Spirituality is for those who have been there."

### **Special Thanks**

**Event Committee** ... Richard Brooks, Rebecca Brooks, Sara Crocker, Rabbi Jeffrey Ballon, Bill Goldberg, Barbara Lapidus, and Margaret Anne Goldsmith

**Program** ..... Sara Crocker

**Reception**. Rebecca Brooks, Chair, Pam Rhodes, Sara Crocker, Renata Limmer, Carol amd Dale Wasserman, Judy Kunitz, Susan Zlotnick-Hale, Barri Fogel, and JFHNA

**Ushers** .....Barbara and Richard Lapidus, Barry and Eva Berman, and Bill Goldberg

*This event is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Huntsville and North Alabama, Temple B'nai Sholom, and Etz Chayim Synagogue. We cordially invite you to join us for a reception immediately following the program.*

*In lieu of flowers, the boxes of food on the Bima (Pulpit) and on the reception table, will be donated to First Stop and Hope Place.*