

Please join

The City of Cambridge
At the
City-Wide

Holocaust Commemoration

Thursday, May 4th, 2006
7-8:30 PM

Temple Beth Shalom of Cambridge

8 Tremont St. (Off Broadway near Central Square)
Parking available at St. Mary's Church - Harvard and Norfolk St.

An evening of remembrance, candle lighting,
Music with A Besere Velt and the Cambridge Community Chorus

And remarks from **Herbert Kelman**

Professor Kelman is a childhood refugee from Nazi Austria, Professor of Social Ethics Emeritus at Harvard University, Co-author of Crimes of Obedience: Toward a Social Psychology of Authority and Responsibility, Specialist on international conflict and its resolution.

Free and Open to the Public.
For more information, 617- 349-4694



Bashert*

By Irena Klepfisz

These words are dedicated to those who died

These words are dedicated to those who died
because they had no love and felt alone in the world
because they were afraid to be alone
and tried to stick it out
because they could not ask
because they were shunned
because they were sick
and their bodies could not resist the disease
because they played it safe
because they had no connections
because they had no faith
because they felt they did not belong
and wanted to die.

These words are dedicated to those who died
because they were loners and liked it
because they acquired friends
and drew others to them
because they took risks
because they were stubborn and refused to give up
because they asked for too much.

These words are dedicated to those who died
because a card was lost and a number was skipped
because a bed was denied
because a place was filled
and no other place was left.

These words are dedicated to those who died
because someone did not follow through
because someone was overlooked and forgot
because someone left everything to God
because someone was late
because someone did not arrive at all
because someone told them to wait
and they just couldn't any longer.

These words are dedicated to those who died
because death is a punishment
because death is a reward
because death is the final rest
because death is eternal rage.

These words are dedicated to those who died.
These words are dedicated to those who survived

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because their second grade teacher gave them books
because they did not draw attention to themselves
and got lost in the shrille
because they knew someone who knew someone else
who could help them
and bumped into them on a corner
on a Thursday afternoon
because they played it safe
because they were lucky.

These words are dedicated to those who survived
because they knew how to cut corners
because they drew attention to themselves
and always got picked
because they took risks
because they had no principles and were hard.

These words are dedicated to those who survived
because they refused to give up and defied statistics
because they had faith and trusted in God
because they expected the worst
and were always prepared
because they were angry
because they could ask
because they mooched off others
and saved their strength
because they turned the other cheek
because they looked the other way.

These words are dedicated to those who survived
because life is a wilderness and they were savage
because life is an awakening and they were alert
because life is a flowering and they blossomed
because life is a struggle and they struggled
because life is a gift and they were free to accept it.

These words are dedicated to those who survived

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*Bashert (Yiddish) - Inevitable, (pre)destined



Holocaust Commemoration Evening is sponsored by Cambridge city departments: Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves's Office, Human Rights Commission, Cambridge Community Schools, Peace Commission, Public Library, School department, and community agencies including Cambridge Community Television, Congregation Eitz Chayim, Temple Beth Shalom of Cambridge and Rep. Alice Wolf.

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For more information, please call: 617-492-0235 (TTY).

