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## To remember lives wasted and defiled

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PROVIDENCE — Morton Perel was born in Canada on *Kristallnacht*, the November day in 1938 when synagogues were destroyed and Jewish businesses looted and burned by anti-Semitic rioters in Germany and Austria. Although he read about the terrible things that happened, he grew up in security and took his personal freedoms for granted.

"I really believed that in my life there would not be any more anti-Semitism," he said recently in his East Side dental office.

He has changed his mind. Reports of anti-Semitism and neo-

victims of the Holocaust, will be the speaker Saturday night at 7:30 for the first commemoration event at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., sponsored by the center and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. She will also speak Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Rhode Island Memorial Union Ballroom in Kingston under the sponsorship of the university's Hillel chapter and the URI student lecture series.

Mrs. Klarsfeld, a Parisian of German descent and the gentile wife of a French Jew, is billed as a Nazi hunter. She has earned the reputation by tediously documenting atrocities and then establishing the residence and professional status of each Nazi she and her husband, Serge, a lawyer, believe should be brought to trial.

Their three-room apartment in Paris, where they live with their two children, has been their headquarters.

Mrs. Klarsfeld, who is 41, began her work in 1968 when she walked onto a West Berlin podium and slapped German Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger because of his former affiliation with the Nazi party. She was sentenced to a year in jail (later changed to probation), but the attention her slap caused probably helped Willy Brandt defeat Kiesinger in the next year's election.

SHE FORCED the West German government to try her for kidnapping after an unsuccessful attempt in 1974 to abduct Kurt Lischka, a banker who had served as head of the anti-Jewish division of the Gestapo in Paris. She insisted on serving her two-month prison sentence as a way of embarrassing a government she claimed was allowing former SS leaders and Nazis to live with impunity. Lischka had been tried *in absentia* in France, but Germany would not extradite him to serve a sentence of life imprisonment.

Three years earlier, she had launched a campaign to catch and arrest ex-SS Capt. Klaus Barbie, "the butcher of Lyon." She personally tracked him to Peru and then Bolivia, where he was imprisoned for a short time.

SATURDAY'S ceremonies will include presentation of Never Again awards to two former military chaplains who participated in the liberation of Jews from German concentration camps.

The recipients are Eli Bohnen, rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu-El in Providence and a major with the 42nd Infantry Rainbow Division during World War II, who was at Dachau when the gates were opened in 1945, and the Rev. Edward P. Doyle of St. Raymond's Church in Providence, a major with the 104th Timberwolf Division, who helped liberate Nordhausen, a subcamp of Buchenwald.

Six candles, commemorating the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust, will be lit by survivors and children of survivors.

Because Americans tend to take freedoms for granted, an annual remembrance of the Holocaust is particularly important here, said Perel.

He recalled his visit four years ago to Heidelberg for a dental conference. His emotions were mixed. He was excited about being invited but, as a Jew, was slightly uneasy about going to Germany.

The Heidelberg area was a storybook land, he said. It was a center of learning and very beautiful.

The shock came on Saturday morning when he and his wife, poet and Providence College professor Jane Perel, began looking for a synagogue. Their search took them past a parking lot where they discovered a small plaque, which read, "On this site was a Jewish place of worship that was destroyed in 1938."

They found no synagogue per se, but in a little alley, hidden from public view, they found a room in a dilapidated building that was designated as a synagogue. Even on Saturday morning, it was locked.

"It came to me in that idyllic city where everything else was kept up and preserved that what happened to the Jews who had contributed to its heritage was being forgotten. I came home knowing that I would have to read and study myself. I would have to find a picture of the synagogue that stood where the parking lot is. I did. It was beautiful.

"I thought about how many times over Jews had been the victims of discrimination," he continued. "I became convinced that my generation must not forget and must not let it happen again. We must not let history die. It must be a lesson in how to conduct ourselves in the present and the future."



CONCENTRATION CAMP prisoners stare out from behind barbed wire.

## Services to be held through April

Synagogues will hold special services during April to commemorate the Holocaust. The public is welcome to participate in the remembrance of *Yom HaShoa* (Day of Destruction), which will be observed in Israel and the United States April 20.

Beate Klarsfeld, the gentile Nazi hunter from Paris (see accompanying story), will talk on April 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center in Providence and on April 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Rhode Island Memorial Union Ballroom.

Other scheduled events are:

April 16 — Commemorative service at 8:15 p.m. at Temple Beth Am / Beth David in Warwick.

April 19 — Margot Stern Strom, a Holocaust survivor, will speak on Facing History and Ourselves at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston under joint sponsorship with Temple Emanu-El of Providence; sunset service at 7 p.m. at Temple Habonim in Barrington.

April 20 — A film, *Let My People Go*, at 7 p.m. at Temple Shalom in Newport, followed at 8 p.m. by an interfaith service of remembrance; annual Temple Beth

Shalom Youth Memorial Service at 7:30 p.m. at Providence Hebrew Day School with student narration of text, readings, films, slides and poetry.

April 23 — Flora Kalman of New Bedford, a survivor and a member of the Permanent Holocaust Memorial Committee, will speak at the evening service at Temple Sinai in Cranston; Marc Tanenbaum, executive director of the American Jewish Committee, will be the speaker at 8:15 at Temple Beth-El in Providence; teachers and students of the Woonsocket Catholic Regional Junior High School who are participating in a special course on the Holocaust will be guests at Sabbath service at 8 p.m. at Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket.

April 25 — Jean-Christophe Oberg, ambassador of Sweden, will speak on Raoul Wallenberg, True Hero of the Jewish People, at Remembrance Day service at 3:30 p.m. at Touro Synagogue in Newport.

April 28 — Reflections on the Holocaust by children of survivors, sponsored by Jerusalem Chapter Hadassah, at 8:30 p.m. at 30 Midway Rd. in Garfield City Mall, Cranston.



BEATE KLARSFELD

Nazism in Europe and the United States are growing. A visit to *Yad Vashem*, the Holocaust remembrance in Jerusalem, left him shaken, and he was impressed on a visit to Germany with how effectively people there are denying that six million Jews were exterminated.

Therefore, he was "tickled pink" when the Jewish Federation asked him to be chairman of local commemorations of the Holocaust. The events begin Saturday and continue throughout April. The official remembrance, *Yom HaShoa* (day of destruction), is April 20.

There must be a time of remembrance for lives wasted and defiled, he said, and that remembrance is just as important for non-Jews as for Jews, for those who are survivors or the relatives of survivors whose, like himself, who are

KLARSFELD, a Christian, has no direct ties to