

Christian-Jewish Dialogue honors Holocaust victims during Yom HaShoah—Days of Remembrance

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MOBILE—With a theme of “Remember the Children,” the members of the Mobile Area Christian-Jewish Dialogue joined the Jewish community at the Springhill Avenue Temple to pay honor to the victims of the Holocaust during Yom HaShoah, the Days of Remembrance.

Particularly, they welcomed the teachers and the local students whose work has been judged winners in the 2004 Poetry and Essay Contest.

Paul Filben, state Chairman of the Alabama Holocaust Commission, called on all to remember the six million Jews lost in Europe and the million more righteous Gentiles who were victims of such horrible atrocities that the world must never forget less such genocide be repeated.

He reminded all that massacres still occur throughout the world, and that today’s children are the hope of the world.

Candles were lit to honor all the people who perished, the children, the parents, the teachers, the Righteous Among the Nations, and the Resisters, that they might be remembered for good. “By their deeds they have inscribed themselves in the

group as their candle was lit.

A contest is sponsored yearly by the Holocaust Foundation in which the students write about the Holocaust in original poems and essays after having studied the cataclysmic event.

Teachers Sr. Ann Brady and Jane Quinn, from St. Dominic, presented winners from their school in both categories. All three essay prizes were won by their students:

Tiffany Abastoflor took first place in the essay as well as tied for first in poetry; Harold Woulard, 2nd; Wesley Collins, 3rd.

The other first place winner in poetry was Cassady Adams from Phillips Preparatory School; teacher Linda Gregory. Second place: Marilyn Chambliss, St. Dominic; 3rd place tie: Shelby Young, St. Ignatius and Ian Safford, Scarborough Middle School, teacher Connie Easterling.

Tiffany Abastoflor read her piece, “My Drive,” and Cassady Adams read her poem, “The Holocaust.”

Each of the teachers mentioned above, along with Gulf Shores High School teacher, Ann



CONTEST WINNERS—Saint Dominic Catholic School 7th and 8th grade students entered the 2004 writing contest, “Remember the Children of the Holocaust,” sponsored by the Mobile Area Holocaust Committee. Saint Dominic students placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the essay category and 1st and 2nd in the poetry contest. Contest winners Tiffany Abastoflor, Marilyn Chambliss, Harold Woulard, Wesley Collins and Michelle Conner attended the Yom Ha Shoah Remembrance ceremony at SpringHill Avenue Temple.

Maria Brewton, gave brief enthusiastic descriptions of the many activities these students have carried out this year in order to preserve the memory of the victims and to honor survivors, and

especially to pay tribute to the children of the Holocaust.

With such outstanding efforts, our young people will insure that these will, indeed, always be Days of Remembrance.