



The Shoah Remembrance Committee of Muskegon (SRCM) will begin to solicit registrations for the start of the second "JOURNEY: In their shoes . . ." for students entering grade 8 in September, 2009. A maximum of 15 students will be accepted into the program.

The purpose of the Journey is to bring a diverse group of 8th grade students into a community of learning and reflection on shared values that address hate, violence, bigotry, and promote a good sense of civic mindedness, with the Shoah as a symbol of the injustices done to humanity. Applications and other student and parent information is available through your church or other religious community, Middle School counselors/principals, or by calling 231-722-2702. Please leave your name, phone number and email.

Supporting the Journey

Two-thirds of the Journey participants will be in need of scholarships for the program. The total cost is \$950.00. You can help by underwriting a scholarship in whole or in part.

Angel Scholarship: \$ 1000

Donor Scholarship: \$ 500

Contributing Scholarship: \$ 250

Supporting Sponsor Scholarship: \$ 120

The Shoah Remembrance Committee of Muskegon (SRCM) is a community based education program under the umbrella of the Muskegon County Cooperating Churches. All donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to: Muskegon County Cooperating Churches/SRCM and may be mailed to:
Shoah Remembrance Committee of Muskegon,
391 West Webster
Muskegon Michigan 49440

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Why should we remember the Shoah (Holocaust)?

The Holocaust is usually studied and confined to the years 1933-1945 when Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party came to power in Germany. However the ground was prepared well before those years through an “antisemitism” supported by the teachings and beliefs going back to the 1st Century CE. It is important to remember so that those very things which seek to divide and isolate and alienate others from the human community can be identified and addressed.

"What we value most and what we fear greatest we encode with temporal specialness. What is not so reserved for community memories to ponder is relegated by our worshipers to relative insignificance in our scheme of things. . . Is it too much to ask that [all religious and secular] calendars mark [the Holocaust] as well?" Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman

“What we value most . . .” we mark on our calendars. We remember through the ritual rehearsing of memory, by coming face to face with the failure of humanity, we affirm the remnant and dedicate ourselves to the task which our memories of the Holocaust demand. What are the tasks: to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves, to pursue justice and peace.

Why consider contributing to a group which seeks to keep the Shoah before us?

There is no other group in Muskegon that seeks to help us ritually rehearse the memory, to employ the uniqueness of the Holocaust to help children and adults be aware the dynamics unleashed in those years which are still present in our present day. The Shoah Remembrance Committee seeks to educate for the future by remembering and challenging and engaging people so as not to stand idly by.