

New Jersey Women of Interfaith Dialogue and Holocaust Education

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Athena Frade, Archdiocese of Newark and Rutgers University

Jacquelyn Deppe, Seton Hall University

Nostra Aetate

"True, the Jewish authorities and those who followed their lead pressed for the death of Christ;(13) still, what happened in His passion cannot be charged against all the Jews, without distinction, then alive, nor against the Jews of today. Although the Church is the new people of God, the Jews should not be presented as rejected or accursed by God, as if this followed from the Holy Scriptures. All should see to it, then, that in catechetical work or in the preaching of the word of God they do not teach anything that does not conform to the truth of the Gospel and the spirit of Christ.

Furthermore, in her rejection of every persecution against any man, the Church, mindful of the patrimony she shares with the Jews and moved not by political reasons but by the Gospel's spiritual love, decries hatred, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone."



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2005, the Oheb Shalom Congregation hosts "A Tribute to Sister Rose Thering: An Expression of Love" in South Orange, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Sister Rose Thering, a Dominican nun has devoted her life to battling anti-Semitism within the Catholic Church. In addition to teaching and lecturing for over fifty years, her writings contributed to the drafting of "Nostra Aetate," the revolutionary document that changed the Church's position on Jews from negative to positive; and

WHEREAS, Sister Rose grew up in a mostly Catholic town in rural Wisconsin. She became a nun because she wanted to teach. After taking her orders she did her doctorate dissertation at the University of Saint Louis, her subject was the treatment of Jews in Catholic textbooks; and

WHEREAS, after receiving her doctorate in 1961, she did post-graduate work at Hebrew University and at Yad Vashem, the holocaust memorial in Jerusalem; and

WHEREAS, her tireless dedication and faithful service is a symbol of inspiration and encouragement to the countless individuals whose lives she has touched;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. CODEY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby recognize and commend

SISTER ROSE THERING

and extend my best wishes for her continued success and happiness.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twentieth day of September in the year of Our Lord two thousand five and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and thirtieth.

Richard J. Codey

ACTING GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

REGENA L. THOMAS,
SECRETARY OF STATE



To

Sister Rose Thering

Greeting:

REPOSING SPECIAL TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

in your integrity, prudence and ability. I have by virtue of the authority vested in me by law appointed you to be

Member of the

Advisory Council on Holocaust Education

You are therefore by these presents commissioned

to have, hold and enjoy said Office with all the powers, privileges, rights and advantages to the same belonging or appertaining, for and during legal time.

In Testimony Whereof, the Great Seal of the State is hereunto affixed.

Witness, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, at Trenton this 15th

day of June in the year of our Lord, 1987

BY THE GOVERNOR.

Jane Burgos
GOVERNOR.

SECRETARY OF STATE.



The First Congregational Church

(United Church of Christ)

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THE REV. NANCY E. FORSBERG
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May 25, 1982

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

At 7:30 this coming Tuesday evening, June 1, you are invited to attend a gathering at the First Congregational Church, 1340 Burnet Avenue, Union, for two specific purposes: a learning experience to extract from the Holocaust spiritual and moral imperatives for today, and to participate in the organization of a permanent Interfaith Committee on Holocaust Awareness in our community.

Luna Kaufman, president of Temple Shalom in Plainfield, and a tireless worker in endeavoring to spread the message of this event in recent history, so awesome in its devastation, so cosmic in its significance and so universal in its implications, will be present as our special guest. Mrs. Kaufman, a survivor who was in concentration camps both in Poland and in Germany, will share with us some of her personal reflections, as well as those expressed by Governor Kean in an address given recently at an interfaith Holocaust observance in Plainfield.

Many people still regard the Holocaust as a matter of Jewish concern, but nothing could be farther from the truth. Increasing numbers of high schools, colleges and universities are including study units on the Holocaust and Genocide in their curricula.

Perhaps Rabbi Gerald Goldman has reached the heart of this issue when he warns us "not to forget the lessons of the Holocaust: how racism poisons and eventually murders the human heart, how rabid nationalism turns plowshares into swords and pruninghooks into spears, how willingly men and women and even children will hand up their consciences to a demagogue who promises them power and immortality. The tragic events of the Holocaust force upon us the urgency to confront and remove racism from our hearts, to protect and defend our Constitutional guarantees of public and personal freedoms, and lastly, to give our hearts and souls to the pursuit of peace and understanding among the nations of our world."

Through a local committee representing the various racial, religious and ethnic groups in Union Township, we want to plan at least one annual educational program dealing with these issues.

If you cannot attend the meeting on June 1, may I urge you to send another person from your congregation or organization.

Won't you join us in our search for conscience?

Earnestly yours,

Nancy Forsberg

The Rev. Nancy Forsberg

Interfaith Outreach

Union Interfaith Committee on Holocaust Awareness

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THE REV. NANCY E. FARNBERG
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April 20, 1982

To: Everyone who has served at one time or another during the past three years on the Union Township Ad Hoc Committee for Holocaust Observance

From: The Rev. Nancy E. Farnberg

In the absence of any permanent chairperson or committee, I am writing to you during this special week of April 18 - 25, which has been designated as "THE NATIONAL DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST". In accordance with Public Law 96-388, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council proclaims this period "in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and with the hope that we will strive always to overcome prejudice and inhumanity through vigilance and resistance".

Less than forty years ago, six million Jews were murdered in the Nazi Holocaust - part of a systematic program of genocide - and millions of other people suffered as victims of Nazism.

We have a great responsibility to make everyone aware of this dark epoch in human history and to share the lessons growing out of it so that never again will such an appalling fate come to any people, any nation, anywhere in the world.

Therefore, I am inviting you, or another representative of your organization, congregation, or special group, to come to a meeting next Tuesday evening, April 27, at 7:30 in the First Congregational Church, 1340 Burnet Avenue, Union.

At that time we shall endeavor to organize a permanent COMMITTEE ON HOLOCAUST AWARENESS for UNION TOWNSHIP, a committee which will include all racial and religious groups, for this task demands our united concern.

We shall project the nature of educational program we want to sponsor later this year, since we are not bound to any specific date. In the past three years we have had three quite different programs, and we can be as creative as we wish in our planning.

The only constant has been that the offerings from all three previous occasions have been given in the form of prizes to winners of the essay contest participated in by students in the Holocaust Studies Unit of Union High School. Hopefully, we can continue this practice.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to attend this meeting. If you cannot, but are truly interested in working with us, please call or write to me as soon as possible. (My telephone and address are listed on this letterhead.) Thank you for your consideration.

Sister Rose Memorial

Memorial
5.18.08 Too bad can't go with
The group for Monsignor's
mass of The International Church
in Bethlehem, but good that
met Elli Sacks at Yad Vashem
in preparation of the Memorial.
A lot of details to be ironed out
Set up 10 chairs, all taken.
20 members of friends of mine
showed up. Sister Gemma came
Rabbi Gitz & Blue Greenberg.
Beautiful Testimonies. Monsignor
remarks were very touching.
He put his hand into it, so did
the others. Rabbi Greenberg was
touching, so was Sister Gemma.
Noam's wish was spontaneous
and wonderful. The event was
a great success.
Susan Feinstein invited Monsignor
David and me to King David for coffee.
Had a great supper with Monsignor
at King David. Just the two of us.

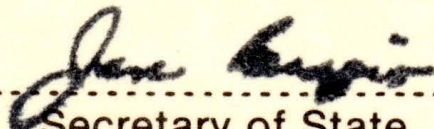


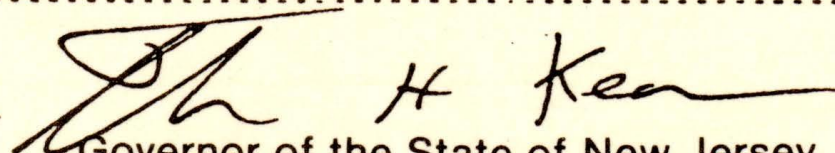
New Jersey Advisory Council for Holocaust Education

The State of  New Jersey
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
THIS CERTIFIES THAT

LUNA A. KAUFMAN

IS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
HOLOCAUST EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS


Secretary of State


Governor of the State of New Jersey



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THOMAS H. KEAN
Governor

June 15, 1987

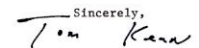
Ms. Luna A. Kaufman
57 Century Lane
Watchung, New Jersey 07060

Dear Ms. Kaufman:

I have filed with the Secretary of State your reappointment as a member of the Advisory Council on Holocaust Education.

Accordingly, I hereby reappoint you to this Council. I am confident that you will fulfill the duties and responsibilities of this position with competence and integrity.

Kindly file the enclosed oath with the Secretary of State as soon as possible so that your engrossed commission may be prepared.

Sincerely,


Thomas H. Kean
Governor

Enclosure