

Program

- ◆ Opening Comments—David Simon, President, Congregation Beth Shalom Men's Club
- ◆ Memorial Remarks—Rabbi Ron Hauss, Congregation Beth Shalom
- ◆ Keynote Speaker—Dr. Michael Berenbaum
- ◆ Musical Interlude—Zetz Klezmer Ensemble
- ◆ Dignitary Recognition Introductions—Hal Dash, Vice President/ Programming, Congregation Beth Shalom Men's Club
- ◆ Artist Introduction—Rob Cohen, President, Congregation Beth Shalom
- ◆ Memorial Statue Overview—Granville Ames Beals, Metal Sculptor
- ◆ Memorial Unveiling—Josh Kaplan, Dr. Berenbaum, Granville Beals, Men's Club Board
- ◆ El Malei Rachamim—Cantor Ray Cohen, Congregation Beth Shalom
- ◆ Closing Remarks—Rabbi Ron Hauss

Sculpture Numerology

Sides of the memorial base and lengths of chain which represent

6

- ◆ The 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust
- ◆ The number of days of creation; Books of the Mishna (the first written collection of Jewish oral traditions called the “oral Torah”)
- ◆ Working days of the week.

Breaks in each spire of the memorial symbolize

7

- ◆ Days of the week and represent “completion” and “wholesomeness”
- ◆ Number of words in the first phrase of the Torah
- ◆ Weeks between Passover and Shavout
- ◆ Major holidays in Judaism
- ◆ Shabbat is on the 7th day of the week
- ◆ Number of days mourners sit Shiva

Dr. Michael Berenbaum is the Director of the Sigi Ziering Institute: Exploring the Ethical and Religious Implications of the Holocaust, and a Professor of Jewish Studies at the American Jewish University.



He was Project Director overseeing the creation of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the first Director of its Research Institute. He later served as President and CEO of the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, which took the testimony of 52,000 Holocaust survivors in 32 languages and 57 countries.

He is the author and editor of 18 books, scores of scholarly articles, and hundreds of journalistic pieces. His work as co-producer of "One Survivor Remembers: The Gerda Weissmann Klein Story" was recognized with an Academy Award, an Emmy Award and the Cable Ace Award. He won the Simon Rockower Memorial Award of the American Jewish Press Association three times in three different categories during a two-year period.

He was also the Executive Editor of the Second Edition of the Encyclopedia Judaica.

Dr. Berenbaum is an ordained Rabbi and has a PhD from Florida State University, has a Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa) from Denison University, a Doctor of Divinity degree (Honoris Causa) from Nazareth College, and Bachelors of Arts degrees in Philosophy from Queens College, Jewish Theological Seminary, Hebrew University, and Boston University.

Congregation Beth Shalom Men's Club is very grateful to have had Dr. Berenbaum's input when designing and building our Holocaust Memorial.

Sculpture Numerology

Represents “Chai” (“Life!”) in the Jewish Religion

18

- ◆ There are 18 “roots” atop each of the memorial's spires reaching to the heavens.
- ◆ Each spire is comprised of 10” and 8” lengths between the breaks.
- ◆ Each of the 6 lengths of chain on the base is comprised of 18 links.
 - ◇ Note that the top link of each chain is broken which symbolizes these chains will never be used to restrain anyone again.

Granville Beals is an abstract sculptor who finds inspiration in working with metals and raw industrial scrap. The process of re-purposing and manipulating materials that might otherwise be destined for the foundry presents unique challenges that spark his creative impulses.



Granville's sculptures reveal dynamic forces in forms that exhibit unmistakable heft and permanence while also revealing the elevated spirit and balance that he experiences in the process of forging them.

When Granville (who is not Jewish) was commissioned to design our Holocaust Memorial statue, he immersed himself in Jewish teachings to better understand the history of the Holocaust and its deep meaning to the Jewish people. As a result, there is a wealth of numerological references throughout the piece, some of which are further explained in this pamphlet.

Says Granville "I am honored by the trust placed in me by the Men's Club of Congregation Beth Shalom to execute my vision for this sculpture. The journey from my early sketches to a small model and then to the finished piece has been a deeply moving experience for me . . .one that I, too, will never forget."

The Men's Club of Congregation Beth Shalom sincerely thanks Granville for his contribution to the very meaningful project.

Sculpture Numerology

The Mishna directs and acknowledges that

- 30**
- ♦ One has attained full strength at age 30
 - ♦ We observe shloshim (a mourning period) for 30 days after the passing of a loved one.

The 30 railroad spikes and 30 links in each chain represent the strength exhibited by the Jewish people in outlasting their adversities during the Holocaust as well as at other times throughout our history.



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