

## Consolidated Numerological Overview for Program Pamphlet

### 6

The memorial base has six sides and six lengths of chain (with 18 links) representing

- The six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust
- Number of days of creation
- Books of the Mishna
- Working days of the week

### 7

There are 7 breaks in each spire of the memorial symbolizing

- Days of the week
- “Completion” and “Wholesomeness”
- Number of words in the first phrase of the Torah
- Shabbat on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week
- Sitting shiva for 7 days
- Days between Passover and Shavout
- Major holidays in Judaism

### 18

Chai means “life” and is comprised of “chet” (numerological value of 8) and “yud” (numerological value of 10) totaling 18 which symbolized “good luck.”

- There are 18 "roots" at the top of each broken rail track reaching toward the heavens
- Each of the 3 spires is comprised of 8" and 10" lengths between the breaks.
  - The open area between the 3 spires symbolizes the female form as a giver of life!
- 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.

### 30

The Mishna indicates that one has attained full strength at the age of 30 years. We observe shloshim for 30 days upon the passing of a loved one.

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