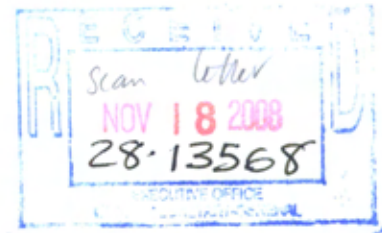




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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

The Jewish Community Board of Akron hosted an interfaith program entitled **Kristallnacht-70 Years After - A Call to Action for Today** on November 9, 2008, the 70th anniversary of Kristallnacht. Our program was held 70 years from the day of November 9-10, 1938, the night that violence escalated against Jews in Germany and Austria that led to the eventual genocide of Europe's Jews in World War II.

A major part of this program was to raise awareness about the terrible modern genocide against the people of Darfur, Sudan. We are enclosing a copy of the program for your information.

Many of those in attendance at this interfaith program have signed the enclosed petitions urging you to

- Make ending the crisis in Darfur one of your top priorities
- Push for deployment of the U.N.-A.U. peacekeeping force
- Work to ensure the Sudanese government full participation in a just peace process
- Increase humanitarian aid and its delivery to those most in need

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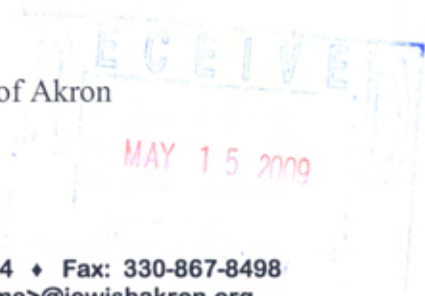
Sincerely,

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cc: David Koch, CEO, Jewish Community Board of Akron
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Kristallnacht - 70 Years After - A Call to Action for Today
November 9, 2008 – 11 Cheshvan 5769

PROGRAM

Welcome - *Irving Sugerman, President, Jewish Community Board of Akron*

Introduction - *Esther Hexter, Chairperson*

Remembering Kristallnacht: Tonight, November 9, 2008 marks the 70th anniversary of a night of riots and pogroms against Jews and Jewish communities in Germany and Austria. On the night of November 9, 1938, and into the next day, forces of the Nazi Third Reich went on a rampage of destruction against Jews and Jewish communities all over Germany and Austria. On that night, known as Kristallnacht, the "Night of Broken Glass", 7,500 Jewish businesses, 276 synagogues, 14 Jewish community centers, cemeteries and countless Jewish homes were destroyed. At least 91 Jews were killed and hundreds maimed. 30,000 Jewish men were dragged to concentration camps. In its aftermath, German officials announced *Kristallnacht* had erupted as a spontaneous outburst of public sentiment in response to the assassination of a German embassy official stationed in Paris by a 17-year-old Polish Jew. Days before his Polish born parents, long time residents of Germany had been expelled from the Reich with thousands of other Jews of Polish citizenship. Within days after the pogrom, Jews were ordered to pay one billion marks to pay for the destruction, which further burdened them. Kristallnacht was a turning point in history. The pogroms marked an intensification of Nazi anti-Jewish policy that had begun in 1933 that would culminate in the Holocaust—the systematic, attempt to annihilate the European Jews.

A Call to Action for Today: Genocide against targeted ethnic peoples in Darfur, Sudan: Time is running out for the people of Darfur. Starting in early 2003 a systematic rampage of genocidal violence by government backed militia has left over 400,000 dead, 2.5 million innocent civilians displaced, and 4 million men, women, and children completely relying on international aid for survival. Not since the Rwandan genocide of 1994 has the world seen such a calculated campaign of displacement, starvation, rape and mass slaughter.

Opening Prayer, A Responsive Reading - *Rabbi David Lipper, Temple Israel*

Presentation of "Mixed Media" Tzedakah Box - *Richard Rossen, Artist to Irving Sugerman*

Views of Kristallnacht, November 9-10, 1938

- Video Excerpt
- Eyewitness Testimony from Dr. John Lawton
- Letter from Retired Fireman, Laupheim, Germany
 - *Nancy Shimer, Akron Jewish Community High School*
- Story of Berlin Police Lieutenant Wilhelm Krutzfeld
 - *Karen Leith, Catholic Commission of Summit County*

Prayer from a Darfurian Woman – Group Reading

A Call to Action for Today - *Tikkun Olam* / Repairing the World – Everyone's Responsibility

Facilitated Discussion Groups

Hatikvah - Cantor Jason Rosenman, Temple Israel

Benediction - Rabbi Stephan Grundfast, Beth El Congregation

Our Final Action – Donations placed in the Tzedakah Box will be sent to:

American Jewish World Service
Sudan Relief and Advocacy Fund
45 West 36th Street, 11th floor
New York, NY 10018-7904
www.ajws.org

Thank you for coming – May some of these plans help repair the world.

Special Thanks to:

Richard Rossen, Stained Glass & Wood Working Artist for 'Mixed Media' Tzedakah Box

Discussion Facilitators

Sponsors: Jewish Community Board of Akron with Jewish congregations and schools,
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Committee: Esther Hexter (Chairperson), Rabbi Stephan Grundfast,
Rabbi David Lipper, Nancy Shimer

Funders: Temple Israel - Pennies for People Project Fund
Grant from Jewish Identity Development Fund, Jewish Community Board of Akron

Opening Prayer

God of Mercy and Compassion, this afternoon we pray for the people of Europe who were terrorized and forced from their homes. Our pain is still fresh after 70 years of life. But these days have taught us to gather our broken shards and mold them into a new vision of the world in which we live. May it become a world of wholeness and peace.

We also pray for the people of Darfur who have been terrorized and forced from their homes - for those who have fled to refugee camps, and who still live in fear" and "for the children of Darfur, especially those who face a frightening world without one or both of their parents - may they be protected and comforted." (Archbishop Tutu)

Today we pray for the innocent people who were dragged into war 70 years ago. They woke one day in peace, and ended that day in terror. May the innocents cease their suffering as the memories of tragedies past continue to grow in our minds eye.

We "pray for those whose lives are lived on the margins of nations and who suffer from the wars that others fight around them, "for the warring factions, that they may see themselves under the gaze of God and under the gaze of those who suffer, for the work of peacekeepers, negotiators and the humanitarian organizations, that security may prevail" (Archbishop William of Canterbury).

On this day of Broken Glass, when the images in our minds go to unspeakable things, we pray for the courage and energy to turn our suffering into salvation. We pray for a world united and whole. We seek a place where the lion can lie with the lamb and a babe can play over an adders den. Where nation will not lift up sword against any other nation and we will have peace.

Today we turn to You, God, "to alleviate the oppression and end the atrocities and pray that the killing stops, the bloodshed ends, that women and children are safe and healthy and happy and "to give the people of Darfur back their homes, their families, their communities, their humanity, and their hope and dreams for the future" (Sheikh Ibrahim Mogra).

And finally we pray to You, God, to "send peace to the people of Kristallnacht and peace to the people of Darfur, to hear the cry of the victims, the bereaved, the injured, and all those who live their days in fear, to rouse the hearts of the leaders of the world, and to put an end to the bloodshed, the violence, the rape, the starvation, and the terror, that has ravaged and endangered an entire population" (Dr. Jonathan Sacks).

This prayer was specially written for our Kristallnacht commemoration by Rabbi David Lipper by intertwining prayers for Darfur written by Archbishop Desmond Tutu; Archbishop William of Canterbury; Sheikh Ibrahim Mogra, Chairman of the Interfaith Relations Committee of the Muslim Council of Britain; and the Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks of Great Britain.

Prayer from a Darfurian Woman

Every few months we are driven away from one refugee camp to the other, so far in the desert where nothing at all exists. This is no way for a human being to live. No way to live in such a shocking place – uncultivated, waterless, treeless and barren region...! Everything is burning, Lord around me, around us... in me, in us... Everything is barren, hell, hell! "...Yet, Lord, we believe You are there, beside us. We pray for all the Africans living now our same condition. Bring back peace and tranquility to our beloved country. Peace which is desired by everybody, the old and young, rich and poor, women and men.

The Hope / Hatikva

As long as the Jewish spirit
is yearning deep in the
heart,

With eyes turned toward
the East, looking toward
Zion,

Then our hope - the two-
thousand-year-old hope -
will not be lost:

To be a free people in our
land,

The land of Zion and
Jerusalem

Kol ode balevav P'nimah -
Nefesh Yehudi homiyah

Ulfa'atey mizrach kadimah
Ayin l'tzion tzofiyah.

Ode lo avdah tikvatenu
Hatikvah bat shnot
alpayim:

L'hiyot am chofshi
b'artzenu -

Eretz Tzion
v'Yerushalayim

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A Call to Action for Today –
***Tikkun Olam* / Repairing the World – Everyone's Responsibility**

Questions for Thought and Discussion

We are commanded to engage in *Tikkun Olam* / Repairing the World. The Jewish tradition says "you are not required to complete the task, but you are required to begin it." Though many in world knew about the plight of the Jews in Germany and Austria after Kristallnacht, most leaders and ordinary people did nothing. When called to action today to help those in need, what can or should we do? Consider the following questions:

1. What can we all do to promote empathy towards others in children? in ourselves?
2. How should we respond to expressions of prejudice from acquaintances, coworkers, family members?

3. What can parents and teachers do to combat bullying?

Note: The culture in Nazi Germany promoted and rewarded bully behavior. The leaders of the Kristallnacht pogroms were the Nazi paramilitary storm troopers called "brown shirts", who were known for strong arm tactics like street brawling and terror.

4. What would you have done the day after Kristallnacht?
5. Why is remembering such an event as Kristallnacht important for us today in 2008?
6. How does hatred or prejudice turn into mass violence such as shown on Kristallnacht in 1938 in Germany or Austria or in Darfur, Sudan today?
7. Does the historical Jewish experience [like the pogroms in Eastern Europe, the Greek war against the Jews in the Chanukah story, the Expulsion of Jews from Spain] demand of us any action in the world today?
8. How can we keep from becoming despondent and apathetic in the face of the seemingly overwhelming need for assistance and intervention in so many areas of the world like Darfur, Sudan?
9. In what ways have you seen the Jewish world turn the "night of broken glass" into an act of "making the broken whole" or repairing the world ?

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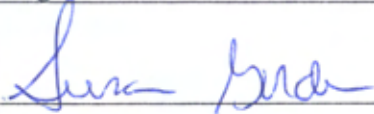
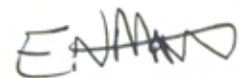


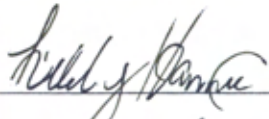
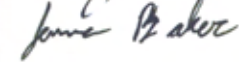
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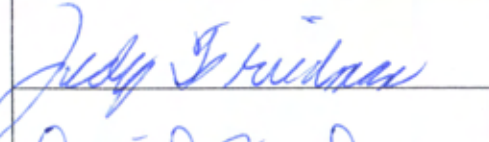
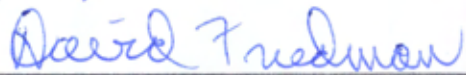
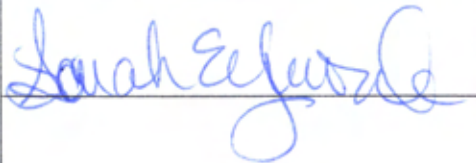
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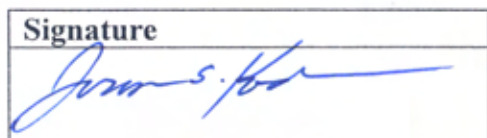
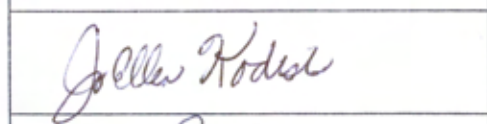

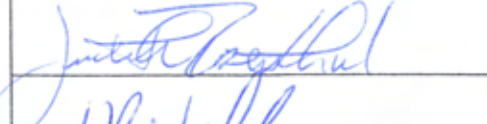
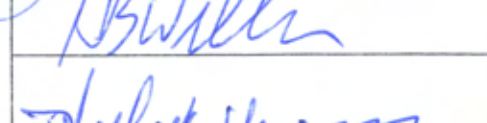
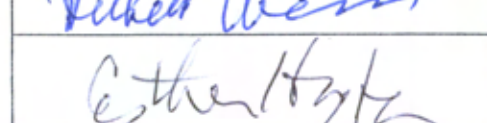
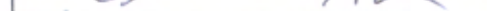
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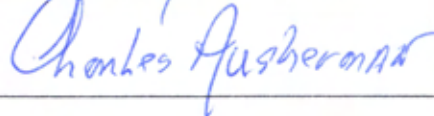
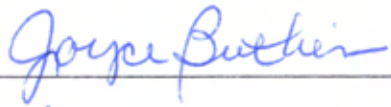

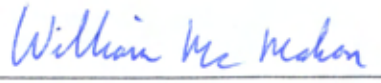


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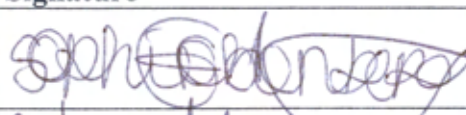
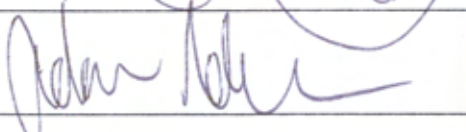




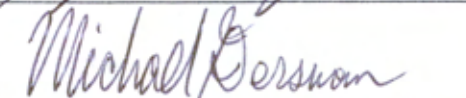
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