

*The Foundation for Pluralism presents the*



Thursday, January 26, 2006 | 7:00 to 9:00 PM at FunAsia, Richardson, Texas

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## Program

### Reception

### Opening Remarks

Mike Ghouse

### United Nations Resolution

Beth Weems Pirtle, President, United Association - Dallas

### Wisdom of the Religions

*"Whoever saves one life, saves the entire world"* – *The Talmud*

Regina Rafrac – Bahá'í

Reverend Mark Hernandez – Christian

Swami Nityananda Prabhu – Hindu

Mohamed Eliabiary – Islam

Purveen Shah - Jainism

Leon Levin – Judaism

Sardar Harbhajan Singh – Sikh

Ratan Vakil – Zoroastrian

### Introduction of the Keynote Speaker

Rabbi Robert Haas

### Keynote Speaker

Honorable Rosalie Schiff

### Perspectives

Harriet Gross

Imam Zia Shaikh

Len Ellis, Chair Arlington Peace Center

### Closing Remarks

Bernard Mayoff

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# Acknowledgements

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Rabbi Robert Haas  
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- Adat Chaverim
- Al-Huda Islamic International
- Ambassadors for Peace
- American Muslim Agenda
- Arlington Peace Center
- Bahá'ís of Dallas
- Center for Spiritual Living
- Chinmaya Mission of Dallas
- Congregation Beth Torah
- Dallas Peace Center
- Department of Justice, Community Relations
- DFW Hindu Temple
- Diya Magazine
- FalunDaFA Dallas
- Federal Bureau of Investigations
- Freedom and Justice Foundation
- Free Muslim Coalition
- Hare Krishna Temple
- International Shinto Foundation
- Ismaili Muslim Community
- Islamic Association of Carrollton
- Orbits of influence
- Madinah Masjid
- Memnosyne
- Muslim Community Services
- National Association of Muslim Women
- Philanthropy Magazine
- Sanctuary for Life
- Sikh Community of Dallas
- Towheed Foundation
- United Nations Association of Dallas
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- Zoroastrian Association of North Texas
- West Plano Presbyterian Church

*Our thanks to the Dallas Holocaust Museum for the loan of the photographs in the lobby*

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# Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

Sixtieth session Agenda item 72 05-48796

## 60/7. Holocaust remembrance

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*Honouring* the courage and dedication shown by the soldiers who liberated the concentration camps,

*Reaffirming* that the Holocaust, which resulted in the murder of one third of the Jewish people, along with countless members of other minorities, will forever be a warning to all people of the dangers of hatred, bigotry, racism and prejudice,

1. *Resolves* that the United Nations will designate 27 January as an annual International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust;

2. *Urges* Member States to develop educational programmes that will inculcate future generations with the lessons of the Holocaust in order to help to prevent future acts of genocide, and in this context commends the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research;

3. *Rejects* any denial of the Holocaust as an historical event, either in full or part;

4. *Commends* those States which have actively engaged in preserving those sites that served as Nazi death camps, concentration camps, forced labour camps and prisons during the Holocaust;

5. *Condemns without reserve* all manifestations of religious intolerance, incitement, harassment or violence against persons or communities based on ethnic origin or religious belief, wherever they occur;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish a programme of outreach on the subject of the "Holocaust and the United Nations" as well as measures to mobilize civil society for Holocaust remembrance and education, in order to help to prevent future acts of genocide; to report to the General Assembly on the establishment of this programme within six months from the date of the adoption of the present resolution; and to report thereafter on the implementation of the programme at its sixty-third session.

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## *.....and when they came for me.*

German Pastor Martin Niemöller was a supporter of the Nazis in their earliest days. By 1934 he recognized that a sinister power was growing and he began to express his dismay. There were not enough voices like his early enough. By 1939 he was imprisoned. He survived the Sachsenhausen concentration camp outside Berlin where 100,000 people died or were murdered in violent "medical: experiments. He survived the Dachau concentration camp near Munich where camp records list 30,000 people exterminated in death chambers and thousands more dead from ill treatment. In 1946, following the end of the war, he wrote:

They came first for the Communists,  
and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist.

Then they came for the Jews,  
and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew.

Then they came for the trade unionists,  
and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Catholics,  
and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant.

Then they came for me,  
and by that time no one was left to speak up.

## **The Foundation for Pluralism**

Our mission is to encourage individuals to develop an open mind and an open heart toward their fellow beings. If we can learn to accept and respect the God given uniqueness to each one of the 7 billion of us, then conflicts fade and solutions emerge. Knowledge leads to understanding, and understanding to acceptance and appreciation of a different point of view.

The Foundation for Pluralism has taken the initiative to present all religious communities in its programs. The goal is to bring people of different faiths together, and provide a platform for them to share information about their beliefs, their systems and rituals, while expanding the comfort zone of each group. This event is a tribute to those who think outside the box.



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