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PRESS RELEASE

HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

By Jews, Muslims, Christians, Baha'i, Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh, Zoroastrians, Jain And Other Faiths.

Carrollton, Texas. The Foundation for Pluralism announces the commemoration of the Holocaust Memorial day to be held on January 26, 2006. The details are as follows:

- **Time & Day:** Thursday, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, January 26, 2005
- **Place:** FunAsia Center, 1210 E. Beltline Road, Richardson, TX 75081
- **Directions:** 3 Miles east on Belt line/ Main St from Central Expressway - www.funasia.net
- **Sponsored by:** Adam
- **Participating Organizations*:** List comprises nearly 40+ faith based and civic groups.
- **Admission:** Free for all, just an empathetic soul.
- **Refreshments*:** Fruits, Veggies, light snacks, soft drinks, coffee and Tea

In the tradition of bringing communities together the Foundation for Pluralism just celebrated the 9th Annual Thanksgiving Celebrations & Awards Night in November at the Frisco Convention Center.

On November 1, 2005, in a resolution co-sponsored by 104 countries, the United Nations General Assembly designated January 27 as an annual Holocaust Remembrance Day to keep the memory alive in a bid to prevent future acts of genocide.

"The Holocaust also reminds us of the crimes of genocide committed since World War II," Assembly President Jan Eliasson said after the resolution was adopted. "It must, therefore, be a unifying historic warning around which we must rally, not only to recall the grievous crimes committed in human history but also to reaffirm our unfaltering resolve to prevent the recurrence of such crimes.

"We cannot continue to repeat saying 'Never again' – after Cambodia, Rwanda and Srebrenica," he added referring to more recent perpetrations of genocide.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan called the 'International Day of Commemoration to honor the victims of the Holocaust,' an important reminder of the universal lessons of the Holocaust, "a unique evil which cannot simply be consigned to the past and forgotten."

The U.N. resolution recalls that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, and that disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind; and 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. It also calls for actively preserving the sites of the Holocaust, including Nazi death camps, concentration camps, forced labor camps, and prisons, and to establish a program of outreach and mobilization on Holocaust remembrance and education.

U.N. Secretary-General Annan said he looked forward "to mobilizing civil society for Holocaust remembrance and education, in order to help prevent future acts of genocide."

January 27 was selected as the international day of remembrance because on that date in 1945 the Soviet army liberated the largest Nazi death camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau, in Poland. That date was already officially recognized as a day of remembrance for Holocaust victims in several countries, including the United Kingdom, Italy and Germany.

In keeping with the spirit of this international remembrance and to avoid repetition of genocides such as those committed by the Nazi Regime, you are invited to join us for an interfaith, multi-cultural program. The event is free and open to the public through the generous support of the Foundation for Pluralism and the FunAsia entertainment and banquet facility. Please note that this program will be held on Thursday, January 26.

When they came for the [communists](#),
I remained silent;
I was not a communist.

When they locked up the [social democrats](#),
I remained silent;
I was not a social democrat.

When they came for the [trade unionists](#),
I did not speak out;
I was not a trade unionist.

When they came for the [Jews](#),
I did not speak out;
I was not a Jew.

When they came for me,
there was no one left to speak out.

Our Mission is to encourage individuals to develop an open mind and an open heart towards their fellow beings, and make efforts to respect and value the uniqueness of each individual, their distinctive cultures, and their belief systems. 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.

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Participating Organizations

To qualify to be listed, you have to commit at least 5 individuals from your organization to attend. A complete list of organizations will be published on website.

