Or Hadash Holocaust Memorial Project

Intent

<u>Or Hadash</u> is accepting proposals for a freestanding sculptural representation of the Holocaust ("Shoah," in Hebrew) that will evoke the tragedy that occurred to the Jews and many others. We do not want the images to be a representation of the horror. Rather, the piece should evoke the feeling of "Never again" and a positive feeling of hope for a world free of hatred.

Theme

The theme for the memorial is that the cycle of hatred led to the tragedy and horror of the Holocaust, and from survival of the horror comes our hope for peace.

The memorial should embody the Jewish people's resolve to stand with people anywhere who are systematically targeted because of their ethnicity or religion, and affirm our hope to work for a world where there is no place for hate and bigotry.

Historical References

The Holocaust sprang from nearly 2000 years of anti-Semitism and hate. Six million Jews perished and we now survive as a people with a collective memory of the horror, a need to thrive after the Shoah, and a need to ensure that this should never happen again, to anyone.

Here are some hyperlinked resources that can help provide background information and perspective:

<u>The Holocaust Explained</u> includes information on the Holocaust, anti-Semitism, how the Nazis gained power, what we learned, and more. It is a starting point for the background information for this project.

<u>Yad Vashem</u> (The World Holocaust Remembrance Center) also has materials online for review.

<u>Shoah vs Holocaust?</u> There is a difference. "Calamity" or "destruction" versus "sacrificial burning".