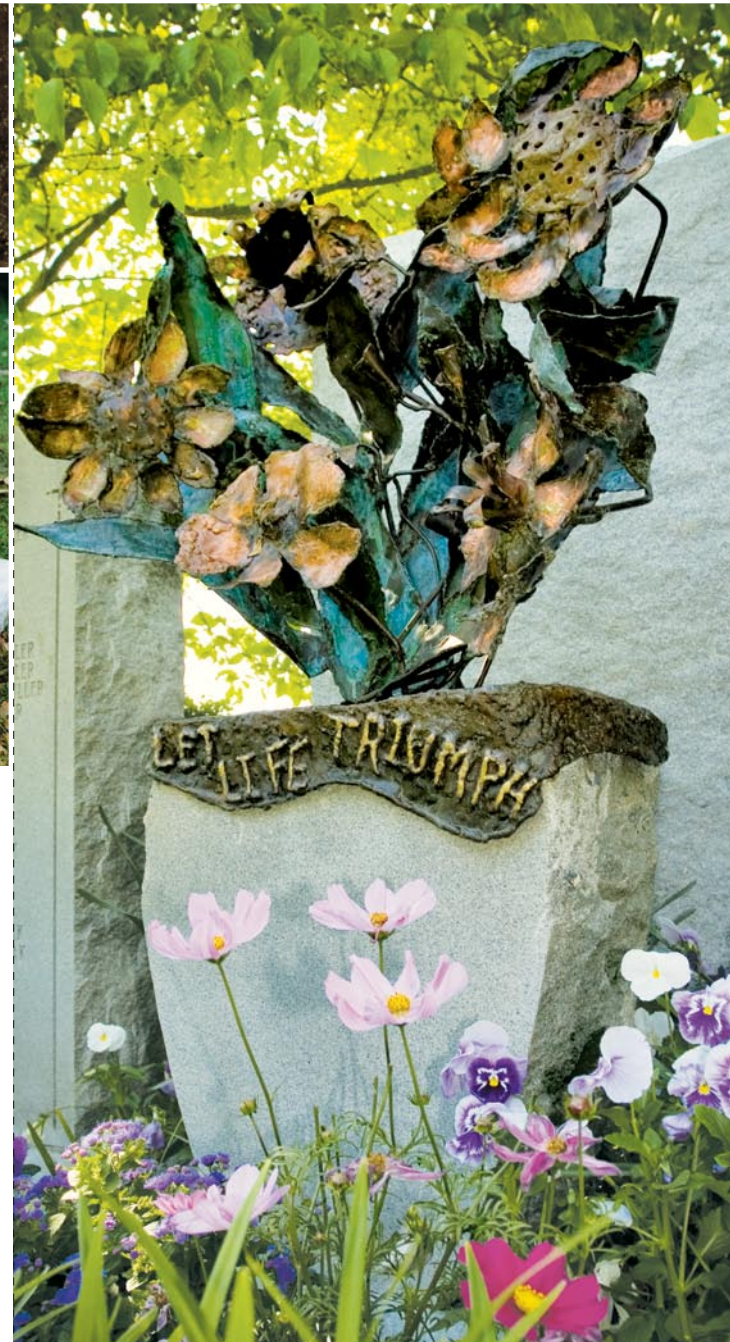


Emek Sholom

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL CEMETERY



ANNUAL OBSERVANCE... Each year in November, near the anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Richmond Jewish community holds a memorial service at Emek Sholom [valley of peace]. Kaddish, the prayer for the dead, is recited, and the names engraved are read to honor their memories and those of all the millions who perished in the Holocaust. This solemn service of remembrance is open to the public.

Emek Sholom Holocaust Memorial Cemetery maintains a partnership with the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond (JCFR), with representation on the Joint Holocaust Education Committee of the JCFR and Virginia Holocaust Museum.

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Directions to Emek Sholom Holocaust Memorial:

In Richmond's north side, travel east on Laburnum Avenue and cross Chamberlayne Avenue [Route 301]. Travel eight blocks to the second traffic light. Turn left on Pilots Lane and go two blocks to the gates of Forest Lawn Cemetery on left. Follow the road to signs directing visitors to "Office." At office, turn left. Travel one block to Emek Sholom Holocaust Memorial Cemetery.

For more information, please contact:

The Jewish Community Federation of Richmond – 804-288-0045

• www.jewishrichmond.org

Forest Lawn Cemetery – 804-321-7655

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"MAY THE SACRIFICE OF OUR PEOPLE · O LORD · NOT HAVE BEEN IN VAIN"

KRISTALLNACHT... The German people elected to power the National Socialist, or Nazi Party, and on January 30, 1933 Adolph Hitler was appointed Chancellor. The Nazis immediately began to legislate a campaign of discrimination, defamation, expropriation and dehumanization, culminating in a government-orchestrated, nationwide outbreak of mass violence against the Jews on November 9 – 10, 1938. This cataclysmic event became known as *Kristallnacht*, the Night of Broken Glass.

The Jews of Europe became increasingly desperate, searching world-wide for places of refuge willing to accept them. Sadly, few found a haven.

All of Europe was quickly ravaged by the Nazi scourge. By the end of World War II, more than 13 million people had been targeted and murdered. Six million were Jews,

and one and one half million of these were children; all were systematically annihilated.

Zachor: the Emek Sholom Holocaust Memorial is but a symbol. The names listed represent the millions who must never be forgotten.

History teaches us that unexamined prejudice encourages racism and turns neighbor against neighbor. Unchallenged intolerance can lead to catastrophe. Remembering the tragic events of the Holocaust will help us confront moral dilemmas in our own daily lives and make this a better world for all.

ZACHOR ∞ REMEMBER... On November 6, 1955, the New American Jewish Club of Richmond, a group of immigrants and survivors of the Nazi purge of European Jewry, unveiled a monument with the names of 200 family members who perished in the Holocaust and whose final resting places will forever be unknown.

In 1998 the Virginia Department of Historic Resources recognized the Emek Sholom Holocaust Memorial, one of the first Holocaust memorials in North America, by listing it as a Historic Landmark in Virginia. The following year, the U.S. Department of the Interior placed it on the National Register of Historic Places.

On November 7, 1999, two flanking panels, bearing 239 additional names, were dedicated by new members of the Richmond Jewish community to memorialize their family members who perished in the Holocaust.

Adjacent to the Emek Sholom Holocaust Memorial is a Jewish cemetery for Holocaust survivors, their descendants, and others of the Jewish faith. It is located within Forest Lawn Cemetery in Richmond.

