

Letter to the Editor

Forgotten Holocaust Memorial

On an empty stretch in Marshall Park on McDowell Street between 2nd and 3rd streets stands a modest little memorial stone, almost completely covered by a scraggly bush. It once stood honorably between Temple Israel and a large church on Morehead Street, donated by the Jewish community in memory of the Holocaust.

Television reports have tried to raise awareness of the Jewish community to this neglect, to no avail.

A suggestion to move this little memorial to the vast area of Shalom Park has been rejected. I have come to understand that our community's leadership sees value in leaving the memorial in the public sphere. But as it stands neglected, no one can appreciate it.

The Butterfly Memorial commemorates the children. Do the adult Jewish victims of the Holocaust not deserve a memorial that is visible to the Jewish community and its many visitors at Shalom Park?

Susan Cernyak-Spatz

Editor's Note: For a story on the Memorial go to: <http://www.wsocvtv.com/news/news/local/holocaust-memorial-often-overlooked-marshall-park/nXDqg/>



The Holocaust Memorial in Marshall Park

JEWISH FEDERATION NEWS

Charlotte Commemorates Yom HaZikaron and Celebrates Yom Ha'Atzmaut

The Charlotte Jewish community came together Wednesday evening, April 22 to honor fallen Israeli soldiers and victims of terror at our annual Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Memorial Day) commemoration ceremony. Several students from Charlotte's Consolidated Hebrew High School including Jason Dermack, Cara Dillhyon, Rachel Musa, Dana Sheinhaus, Lanie Hitt, and Lindsay Rosenzweig participated in the Art of Zikaron project under the leadership of our Israeli Shlichah, Adi Rodvasky. Each student was paired with a family of a fallen soldier in Hadera, the Jewish Federation's partner city, and learned about the soldier and his life and spoke about him during the ceremony.

In addition to Hebrew High, students from the Charlotte Jewish Day School Choir, Temple Israel, Temple Beth El, Susan Gundersheim, Nancy Good, and the Levine JCC Choir, as well as Rabbi Binyomin Weiss, Rabbi Noam Raucher, and Rabbi Jonathan Freirich all led a beautiful and meaningful service.

On Sunday evening, April 26 the community joined together to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day. The audience enjoyed delicious falafel and the music of Mika Karni and the Kol Dodi Ensemble. People of all ages were clapping their hands and stomping their feet to the Israeli folk melodies. ✨



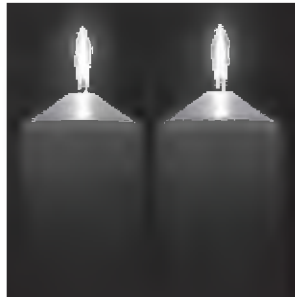
Above, from the Yom HaZikaron Commemoration



From the Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING FOR JUNE AND JULY 2015

- Friday, June 5, 8:16 PM
- Friday, June 12, 8:19 PM
- Friday, June 19, 8:22 PM
- Friday, June 26, 8:23 PM
- Friday, July 3, 8:23 PM
- Friday, July 10, 8:22 PM
- Friday, July 17, 8:19 PM
- Friday, July 24, 8:15 PM
- Friday, July 31, 8:10 PM



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