YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION: NEVER FORGET

COURAGEOUS COMPASSION
MONDAY, APRIL 28 7 PM

Congregation Agudas Achim Sanctuary
7300 Hart Lane

Keynote address by Walter Meyer, a Hitler Youth who broke from the Nazi ranks in 1940, hid a Jewish friend at age 12, and ultimately escaped three Nazi prison camps.

Emceed by Mike O’Krent, LifeStories Alive

Commemoration will also include:
• Music by Chorus Austin
• Dramatic Vignettes from Austin Jewish Repertory Theater’s Speaking Frankly Project
• Kaddish, Candlelighting and Reading of the Names
• Prayers and Perspectives by Local Clergy

Survivors and children of survivors are invited to sit in preferred seating at the event.

For more information, call 512-735-8008 or e-mail dana.epstein@shalomaustin.org.

24-HOUR READING OF THE NAMES
SUNDAY, APRIL 27-MONDAY, APRIL 28
BEGINNING AT 5 PM

Texas Hillel, 2015 San Antonio St.

Join us for a brief ceremony, followed by a reading of the names of those who perished in the Holocaust, and concluding with a walk. The community is invited to participate at anytime during the 24-hour period.

For more information, call 512-476-0125.

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read the “Seed Savers” books by S. Smith, a series about a dystopian world where families are not allowed to grow their own food. In the books, the characters become involved in an underground movement that collects and grows seeds and learn about how citizens lost the right to produce their own food.

The students also studied about the fair trade movement and analyzed four different chocolate companies. Asking questions such as whether it is worth spending the extra money for these types of products inspired the students to begin a letter campaign using persuasive writing to ask local businesses to carry these fair trade products.

With funding from an A+ Federal Credit Union Grant, a hydroponics unit incorporated aquaponics, the process of using fish waste as fertilizer in hydroponics. This first year incorporating aquaponics revealed that the fish could not survive the cold temperatures in the classroom tanks, a great learning experience for the students and information for Hidalgo to incorporate next year.

Hidalgo feels that the most powerful piece of the students sustainability studies was that “their connections with the chickens on the farm drove their process” designing the coops.

The level of creativity and thoughtfulness in their designs was impressive. One team designed a transformer-style retractable roof that opens and closes for shelter and protection. Another team used straws in their model intended to funnel and capture water. Another student was able to share photos and anecdotes about his grandparents own chicken coop they built at their home. The student’s presentation gave his classmates concrete information and elements to consider in approaching their work at Green Gates Farms.

Ultimately, Hidalgo believes that the “learning experiences so connected to the earth has brought something out” in the students.

As the class finishes the School-to-Farm program with Ted Talks, they will also create an Eco-Kibbutz concept on Google Sketch-Up incorporating sustainability, farm learning and knowledge of heat and energy. This rich learning opportunity has made a tremendous impact on the students they will likely take with them throughout their lives.

Does your child love to dance?

The JCC is the place to be this summer! Classes are available for a wide range of experience and interests. Our instructors provide quality dance training in a positive, nurturing environment, teaching dance steps, proper stretching, good manners and technique. Students gain confidence as they master new skills.

SUMMER CLASSES:

CREATIVE MOVEMENT (Age 3 Yrs)
KIDDLIE POP (Ages 3-4 Yrs)
GET UP & DANCE (Ages 3-4 Yrs)
PRE-BALLET & PRE-TAP (Age 4 Yrs)
BALLET/TAP/JAZZ (Kindergarten)
BALLET & TAP (Grades 1-4)
BALLET & TAP II (Grades 5-8)
JAZZ & HIP HOP (Grades 1-2)
JAZZ & HIP HOP II (Grades 3-4)
TEEN DANCE CLASS (Ages 13 Yrs+)
ADVANCED BALLET/POINTE (Ages 13 Yrs+)

For more information and to register, call 512-735-8058 or visit www.shalomaustin.org/dance.