

# Artifacts Arriving from the World

In order to develop the new center's exhibition, we have been asking for artifacts related to the Holocaust from Jewish communities all over the world. Responding to our request, new artifacts have been presented to our center from Jewish people and survivors of the world. Each artifact will be an important exhibition to tell about the Holocaust and the message of peace to children, and we strongly feel the large expectation from the senders.

## **A Torn Torah**(From Rabbi Marvin Tokayer, NY, USA)

The part of Book of Moses, which is an important artifact from Warsaw Ghetto, describes how brutally it was torn by scissors or by hand.

## **A Coin used in a Ghetto** (From Rabbi Bernard Mehlman, Boston, USA)

## **A Yellow Star of David** (Mr. Hermann Mark Lissauer, Victoria, Australia)

Mr. Lissauer kindly presented us the Yellow Star of David (Dutch), which he used to wear in Netherlands when he was a boy, by reading the article of asking for artifacts which appeared in the Jewish newspaper in Melbourne, Australia.



Artifacts presented to the HEC

He was transported to various concentration camps in Europe, and was finally liberated in Bergen Belsen by British Army. He moved to Australia, and now acts as an art dealer.

## **Bricks of Lodz Ghetto**

Ms. Rachela and Mr. Eliezer Grynfeld (Israel), survivor from Lodz Ghetto, kindly presented us the bricks from Lodz Ghetto.

## **Children Kiddush Cups** (Ms. Marcia Shuster, Montreal, Canada)

Ms. Shuster presented us two silver children Kiddush cups, which were used by her grandparents, and brought to Montreal from Russia by her parents in 1926.

## **Menoras, Yads, and oil paintings** (From Mrs. Hiroko Navarsky, wife of late Mr. Victor Navarasky)

Late Mr. Victor Navarsky visited our center in June 1996, on the occasion of the first anniversary of our center. In the commemorative meeting, he told the children about his experience of surviving the Holocaust, by moving from village to village in Poland.



Artifacts from Mr. Navarsky

He was looking forward for our new center, but he passed away in November 2004. But his wife Mrs. Hiroko Navarsky presented us many of his belongings, such as Menorahs and Yads from the days of the Holocaust, and also Hanukiyas and very nice oil paintings, etc.

**Collages and Books** (Ms. Eugene Propp, NY, USA)  
Ms. Propp, a Jewish artist in NY, presented us four collages made from pieces of cloth, and four books introducing her art works this September, 2006.

Ms. Propp, born in Moscow in 1922, fled to USA from Vienna following the Nazi takeover. Most of her family perished in the Holocaust.

She began to create collages using domestic materials such as fabrics from 1980. She puts the Jewish images of Tallit and Jerusalem delicately in her art works, which are very colorful, and full of imagination.



Collage works of Ms. Propp

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Ms. Irma and Mr. Bob Mandel (NJ, USA), Mr. Davide Hodara (Italy), Mr. Iftach Sharavi (Israel)

## **New HEC Building under construction**

September 30, 2006, the ceremony of placing the corner stone of the new Holocaust Education Center took place with the presence of Prof. Yair Zakovitch, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and his family. November 2nd, the ceremony of beginning the construction took place, and the construction began from the next day.

In the first place, the construction related to the "Underground Heat Air Conditioning System" began, which was to dig ten holes, 100 meters deep, to place pipes. From December, pile driving began, for the foundation work.



The construction of the new HEC

Already, the Jerusalem stones, which will be placed in the front of the building has arrived from Israel.

The topping out ceremony is scheduled to be taken place in March, and the building will be completed in August. The preparation of the exhibition will be done simultaneously, and the new center will be opened on September 30, 2007. For the opening ceremony, Prof. Yaffa Eliach of City University of New York, and Mr. Ben Steinberg, famous composer and

conductor from Toronto, Canada.