

Study Trip of "Small Hands" to N.Y. and Houston!



"Small Hands" performing at NSHA, Great Neck

The delegation of 21 members of "Small Hands", the children's group of the HEC, went on a study trip to New York and Houston from March 27 till April 4, 2006. We visited Jewish schools and museums, sang Japanese and Hebrew songs, and performed a short play of Sempo Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat who saved about 6,000 Jewish people during the Holocaust. Thanks to the warm welcome, "Small Hands" had a wonderful time exchanging with students, and sharing a warm experience with their host families and Holocaust survivors.

SCHEDULE

- March 27 Welcome reception at
North Shore Hebrew Academy (Great Neck)
- 28 North Shore Hebrew Academy
(Lower School)
-- Songs by NSHA students,
Performance of "Small Hands"
Mashadi Jewish Senior Citizens Center
-- Performance of "Small Hands"
North Shore Hebrew Academy
(Middle School)
-- Performance of "Small Hands",
Exchange with the students
- 29 Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy (NJ)
-- Performance of "Small Hands"
Ramaz School (Manhattan, NY)
-- Songs of Ramaz Choir,
Performance of "Small Hands"
- 30 Consulate General of Israel in NY
-- Performance of "Small Hands"
Visit to UN
- 31 Museum of Jewish Heritage
-- Meeting with a Holocaust survivor
Visit to Battery Park & NY City Fire Museum
Fifth Avenue Synagogue (Manhattan)
-- Performance of "Small Hands"
- April 1 Holocaust Museum Houston
-- Performance of "Small Hands"
Meeting with Holocaust survivors
- 2 Visit to NASA Space Center Houston



"Small Hands" at Ramaz, NY



"Small Hands" performing at Kushner, NJ



"Small Hands" at NSHA, Great Neck



"Small Hands" at General Consulate of Israel

VOICES OF "SMALL HANDS"

- * I enjoyed staying with my hosting family. They were very nice. (Shou)
- * I enjoyed playing basketball and ping pong together with the students at NSHA. They welcomed us so much, and we became very good friends! (Megumi)
- * While we were performing at the Holocaust Museum Houston, I saw many people were touched to tears. I felt the importance of our activities. After the performance an elderly lady approached me and said, "I am a Holocaust survivor" showing her arm with a number. I was overwhelmed. (Yuriko)
- * I was surprised to know how friendly they are. (Ken)
- * I played the role of Abraham Katz in the play of Sempo Sugihara. I was surprised that the name of my hosting father was the same. (Takeshi)
- * This trip gave me many special experiences. I thought about how I should be; it's not enough to think only about myself. This trip will be my treasure for all my life. (Mariko)
- * Many people said "I was very moved." to see our performance. I want to keep on doing things that can impress people's hearts. (Kenta)
- * I am a member of "Small Hands", and am learning about the Holocaust. But I noticed that there are many things that I don't know yet. I want to learn more, and I want to know more. (Tokiko)



Meeting with a survivor from Auschwitz at Holocaust Museum Houston



With Mr. and Mrs. Hamer, Sugihara survivor, Houston