



**UNITED NATIONS TO HOLD
OBSERVANCE
IN NEW YORK
FOR THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL DAY
TO COMMEMORATE VICTIMS OF THE
HOLOCAUST**

January 27, 2006
10:30 a.m. – Noon
General Assembly Hall
United Nations Headquarters

On January 27th 2006 from 10:30 am to Noon, the United Nations Department of Public Information will hold a memorial ceremony and launch of a lecture series titled "Remembrance and Beyond" in observance of the first International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information will introduce the event that will feature statements from the United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the President of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly Jan Eliasson, Holocaust survivor Gerda Klein, a performance by the Zamir Chorale of Boston and a keynote address by Professor Yehuda Bauer of Hebrew University.

Joshua Jacobson, founder and director of The Zamir Chorale of Boston is honored that the Chorale has been selected to participate in this significant event. Jacobson notes, "When I first researched the music of the Holocaust, I was overwhelmed by the sadness and horror. Then, I learned how prisoners composed ballads to tell the world of the unspeakable crimes they had witnessed and endured. I heard songs that expressed anguish and heartache. And I saw how music sustained hope; how music was the ultimate protest, in some cases the only means of maintaining one's humanity." In inviting the Chorale to perform some of the songs from their recording, Hear Our Voices, the UN has chosen to "give voice to those who were silenced. Theirs is a message that must be shared."

Pre-registration is now closed due to the overwhelming response of Holocaust survivors who have pre-registered. More that 1400 plan to attend from all over the United States. However, the event will be webcast at <http://www.un.org/webcast>. [The archived recording of this webcast is

available at <http://www.un.org/holocaustremembrance/2006/videos.htm>.]
Media must be accredited with the United Nations to cover this event. Details on accreditation are available at <http://www.un.org/media/accreditation> or by calling 212-963-6934.

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Zamir is in residence at **Hebrew College**.