

Yom Hashoah Commemoration



Abraham Foxman

On May 1, 2008, the Hidden Child Foundation conducted its annual Yom Hashoah Commemoration at its headquarters in New York City.

Abraham Foxman, the Anti-Defamation League's National Director, himself a Hidden Child, spoke the opening address. His speech was an emotional recall of our survival and our losses, that deeply stirred all who were there



Alexis Konigsberg and Janet Kirchheimer

Janet Kirchheimer, a poet, reading from her poetry collection, *How to Spot One of Us*, contributed to the Commemoration's solemn mood.

After the poetry reading, the event's keynote speaker, **Irit Felsen, Ph.D.**, spoke eloquently about the legacy which the Second Generation has inherited and has been carrying with them throughout their lives.



Irit Felsen

Many of the survivors in the audience acknowledged that Irit's observations and conclusions were accurate and helpful.

The commemoration was continued by Second and Third Generation Holocaust survivors. Of the students of the SAR Academy in Riverdale, the Bronx, participating in the program, thirteen were grandchildren of survivors.

A student, Yardain Amron performed two classical piano pieces on his keyboard while other students



Yardain Amron

read excerpts from *Salvaged Pages, Diaries of the Holocaust* by Alexan-

dra Zapruder. *and excerpts from other young writers' diaries.*

Alexis Konigsberg, Third Gen-



eration and a student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, sang most beautifully and deeply moving, the Ani Ma'amin and El Maleh Rachamim.

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