

Service marks 40th anniversary of WWII

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Jacksonville State University was fortunate to hold its very own Holocaust commemoration on April 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Theron Montgomery Auditorium. Dr. Fagan said that the faculty and students of J.S.U. should be commended for their commemoration. He stated, "We did our part by joining other groups in the state in remembrance of those that received systematic suffering and destruction because of their classifications."

The program opened with a ballad played by Dr. Jerryl Davis of the music department. The invocation was given by Dr. Rod Morgan of the Wesley Foundation and Michael French, SGA president, welcomed a crowd of approximately forty people to the program and to the campus. Mr. Hyman Gordon, a member of the Temple

Beth-el of Anniston, led the Kaddish: Traditional Prayer for the Dead, in the Hebrew and then translated it into English. Dr. Samuel Brown sang "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me."

The sermon of remembrance was delivered by Rev. Robert Ford, director Baptist Campus Ministry. Rev. Ford stressed the importance of remembering the six million Jews and countless others who were killed in the Nazi Holocaust. He said that memory is fragile and this was the purpose for this commemoration. He ended his speech by saying, "We must not turn our heads to suffering...we shouldn't allow people to be persecuted ever again for being different...but stand up for civil rights. Remembering not just the Jewish community, but all.

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Dr. Brown sang "The Lord is My Light." The benediction was given by Rev. Paul Vondracek, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville. His prayer ended with "of living together brother to brother. You have created us for life. Never let us forget..."

The week of April 14-21 was designated this year as the national "Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust" and ever since 1979, the United States has commemorated the victims of the Holocaust with ceremonies held in Washington, D.C. and in states and cities throughout the U.S. The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council spent

forty million dollars last year on a Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., and it is expected to be completed by mid 1987. The only other memorial of this kind is Israel's YAD Vashem in Jerusalem.

Dr. Mark Fagan of the sociology department was able to attend Holocaust Commemoration for the state of Alabama, April 21, in the Governor's executive mansion in Montgomery, Alabama. Dr. Charles Prigmore, the Governor's liaison with the United States Council on the Holocaust of Tuscaloosa presided and different ministers from around the state of Alabama spoke.