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Holocaust Remembrance Day

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The United Nations General Assembly declared January 27th International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a day to remember all the victims of Nazi persecution-one of the darkest chapters in our planet’s history. Six million Jews were murdered during Holocaust, as well as thousands of others who’s only crime was voicing their opinions.

The Holocaust (1933–1945) was the systematic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million European Jews by the Nazi German regime and its allies and collaborators. When they came to power in Germany, the Nazis did not immediately start to conduct mass murder. However, they quickly began using the government to target and exclude Jews from German society. Jews became scapegoats for everything awful that had happened to Germany over the earlier decades: inflation, economic depression, the loss of World War I, and the Treaty of Versailles. It became difficult for Jews to leave Germany because few countries, including the United States, were willing to take them in, even though it was widely known that they were suffering horribly under the Nazis. Hundreds of thousands of Jews were in Nazi concentrations camps serving as slave laborers for the German war effort.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and other commemoration sites around the world remember the victims by reading off their names and lighting candles for each of the fallen. Learning about the Holocaust is one of the best ways to honor the day, so history never repeats itself. UNESCO also pays its tribute by reiterating the mission to counter racism, antisemitism, and any other form of group-targeted violence or unjust. The first commemoration ceremony was held on January 27, 2006, at the UN Headquarters in New York City. Nearly 2,200 people attended in person. Since the ceremony was broadcast live on television, many more people were able to view it throughout the world.

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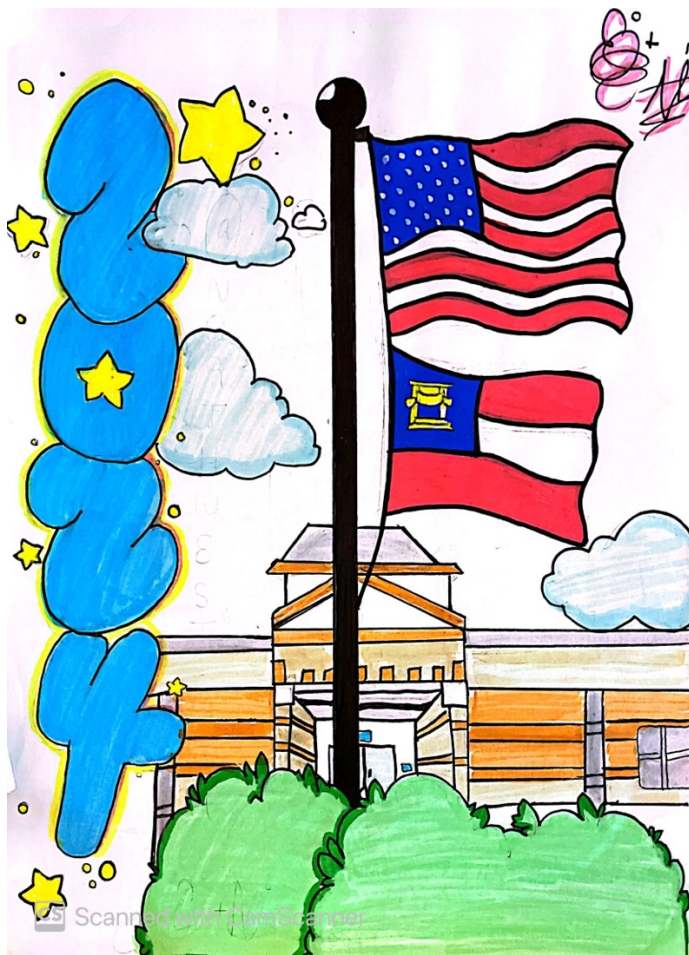
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Angela felt like she was going crazy. She would come home from work to see her husband ticking away on the computer. Her eye would twitch every time she heard the keys click. Her nose would scrunch every time she heard the clock tick. When the door opened, when the stove turned on, when the car engine turned on, all she heard all day was tick, tick, tick.

Her husband waved it off. They had been married for 10 years and every day was increasingly maddening. At parties Angela would plug her ears and try to leave, but her husband would expose her paranoia in front of others as if it were a joke. One day she came home and her husband was tending to the fire in front of his desk as she came home. “lets make a nice dinner” he said. But Angela didn’t want to make dinner. Her head, knees and feet hurt, and she couldn’t deal with more ticking.

“What is wrong with you?” He asked, seeing her twitch. He yelled and became upset because he worked all day and wanted to eat a nice dinner. Didn’t she understand that? Angela heard a tick from the computer as her husband kept typing. “Aren’t you going to make dinner?” He asked. Angela heard his computer keys ticking. Tick tick tick. With every tick she took a step closer to him. Tick tick tick. Then, all the ticking stopped. She returned to the kitchen and came back with one plate on a tray. She ate dinner by herself, finally relaxed.

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That's all for January at NMS! Keep an eye out for the next edition!