

Miami Beach Holocaust Memorial

In 1984, the Miami Beach Holocaust Memorial was conceived by the Greater Miami Jewish Federation committee. South Florida had one of the highest populations of Holocaust survivors, many residing in Miami. (holocaustmemorialmiamibeach.org). After eight days before the Miami Beach Planning Board, the Holocaust Memorial unanimously passed; the City Commission also agreed.

Sculptor, Kenneth Treister, FAIA, wrote:

"I was commissioned in 1985 to design and sculpt a memorial to the memory of the Jewish culture and individuals destroyed by the Holocaust; to create a memorial garden that would give survivors and those who lost loved ones a place to visit in lieu of the cemetery they do not have; and to express, in photographs and sculpture, the history and sorrow of the Holocaust so future generations will never forget." <holocaustmemorialmiamibeach.org>

The memorial opened on February 4, 1990. The memorial pays tribute to the six million Jews who perished at the hands of Nazis during the 1930s and 1940s. It is a private non-profit organization

It is located at 1933-1945 Meridian Avenue, Miami Beach, and the Memorial is open 9 a.m. to sundown daily. There is no charge for admission. The website <jewishmiami.org> highlights the memorial's development in its sculptures and exhibits:

"The centerpiece of the Memorial is the *Sculpture of Love and Anguish*, an enormous bronze representation of an outstretched arm, rising from the earth and stretching toward the heavens. The entire sculpture area comprises vignettes of family members trying to help each other in a final act of love.

The Memorial also includes the *Arbor of History*, a series of black granite slabs etched with photographs of Holocaust history. There are places for quiet reflection and study at the Memorial, too."

This photo program shares a visit to the Holocaust Memorial on Miami Beach.



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BUT A SMALL FRACTION
OF THE MILLIONS OF
MEN, WOMEN AND
CHILDREN WHO
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HOLOCAUST.

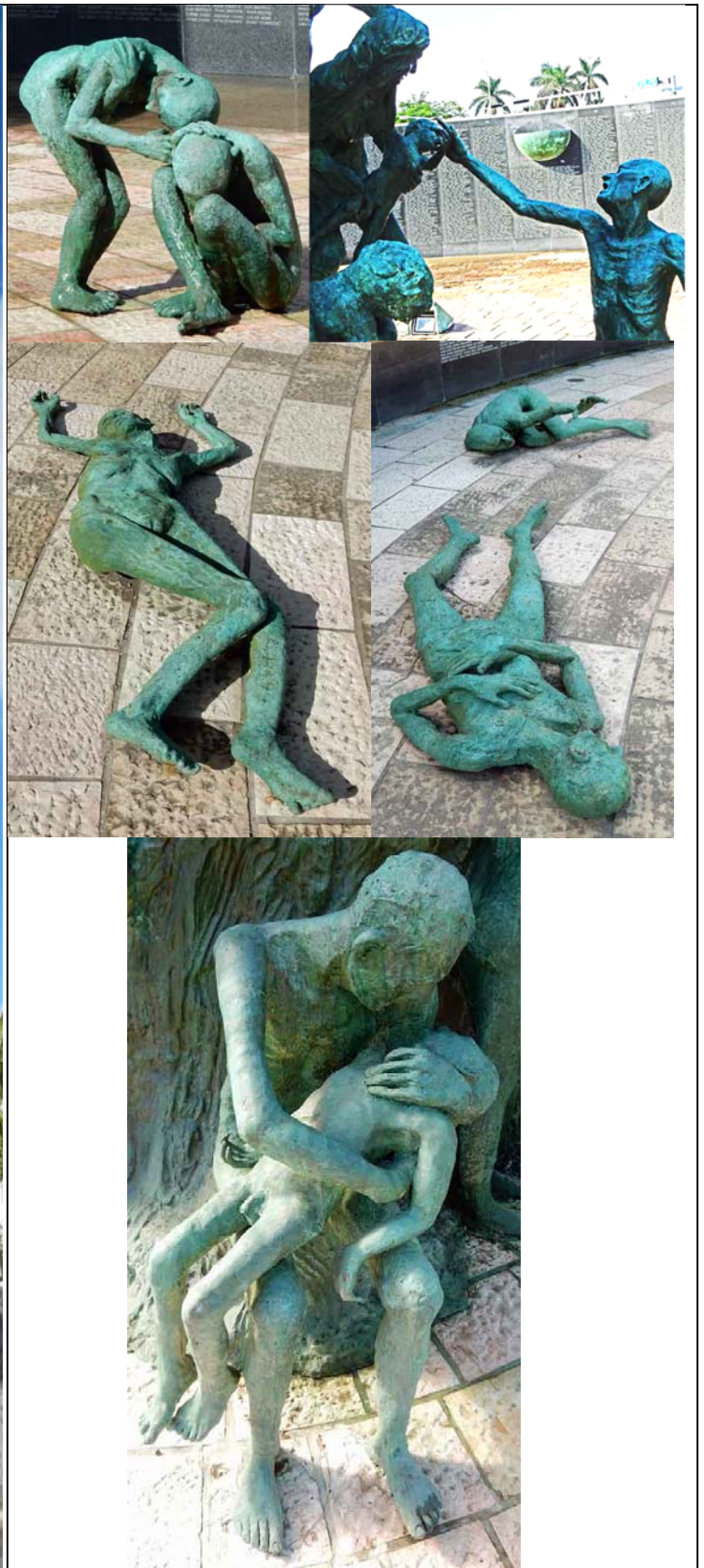
MAY THEIR MEMORY
LIVE FOREVER.

THEN IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING, I STILL BELIEVE THAT
PEOPLE ARE REALLY GOOD AT HEART. ANNE FRANK



BUCHENWALD TREBLINKA
MIRKENAU AUSCHWITZ-OSWIECIM
SACHSENHAUSEN DACHAU
BABI-YAR





Sources: https://jewishmiami.org/about/departments/holocaust_memorial/, <http://holocaustmemorialmiamibeach.org/>, <http://holocaustmemorialmiamibeach.org/>, and <https://www.miamiandbeaches.com/things-to-do/detail/holocaust-memorial-miami-beach/31c24554-ae46-45a2-be9d-cf0c0faff518>.

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