

Albert and Sara Reuben Holocaust Memorial Garden
Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis / Indianapolis, IN



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Landscape Architecture

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The Holocaust Memorial Garden is located in a wooded area on the Jewish Community Campus in Indianapolis. The goal of the project was to create a memorial that would provide a contemplative and inspirational outdoor space in which to educate all persons about the Holocaust. To accomplish this goal, the design explores the concept of triumph over adversity. The memorial experience begins with an engraved entry panel within a pathway that represents a timeline of Jewish faith. The panel is designed to appear shattered representing the Kristallnacht or “Night of Broken Glass.” A curvilinear pathway with a random scoring pattern represents the fear and chaos of the Holocaust. This pathway spills into a small plaza which is encircled by a screenwall, plantings, seatwalls, and benches. The focal point is a fourteen-foot tall bronze sculpture which rests upon a nine-foot stone pedestal. The six-sided pedestal rests in a “pool of tears,” which also contains an eternal flame.