

JSU remembers Holocaust victims

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"It was worse than slave labor. We were sub-human." This was just one of the remem-

brances of Berny Lane, the keynote speaker at last week's Holocaust Commemoration.

The ceremony began with prayer and a candle lighting service.

Two young girls then read excerpts from "The Terezin Poems", written by people who spent their childhood in the Terezin ghetto. One of the poems, "The Last Butterfly," tells of a small child watching a yellow butterfly leave the ghetto because it cannot live there.

Lane used that same image to describe his experiences which began in the Minsk ghetto. His family arrived at Minsk in 1941 in a cattle car. They had been awakened in the middle of the night and told they had six hours to get ready to leave. He was 11-years-old. When Lane and his family arrived in the ghetto they had to move dead bodies to find a place to sleep.

Over the next four years Lane spent time in a total of 15 camps, including Bergen-Belsen and Plaszow. He was near death when he was liberated.

"One more day and I would not be here with you tonight." Lane's mother, father and brother were not among the liberated. They were **among the dead.**

"I am one of the very few (survivors) living in the world." Lane said, "It is very important for people to remember."

The ceremony concluded with members of Temple Beth-El reciting the Kaddish. The Kaddish is usually recited by mourners at public services following the death of close relatives. Last week, it was recited in remembrance of the millions systematically killed during World War II.