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**For immediate release:**

**Bayonne's Annual Holocaust Memorial  
Program Set for Monday, April 13th;  
Survivor Maud Dahme Will Speak**

Bayonne's annual Holocaust Remembrance Service is scheduled for Monday, April 13th, at 6:00 p.m., in the Dorothy Harrington City Council Chambers at 630 Avenue C. The event is sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Federation of Bayonne and the Bayonne Interfaith Clergy, and is hosted by the City of Bayonne. Mayor Robert Kubert is the honorary chairman of the program. Maud Dahme, a Holocaust survivor from The Netherlands, will be the special guest speaker. With help from the Dutch anti-Nazi underground, she was hidden on a farm. As a hidden child, she avoided being sent to a concentration camp. Ms. Dahme serves as Chair of the Commission on Holocaust Education in New Jersey.

At the memorial program, elected officials will offer brief remarks and present proclamations, resolutions, and citations. Representatives of various faiths will offer prayers and reflections. Members of Bayonne's veterans' groups will carry the colors and the banners of their posts. Bayonne students will also participate in the processional. Hawk Harmony, a musical group from Hudson Catholic High School, will sing.

Hara Lynn Benjamin, a cantorial singer with the Temple Beth-El Religious School, will lead the singing of Hatikvah. Alan Gordon Smulen, a cantorial singer from Temple Emanu-El and President of the board of Amore Opera, will lead the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner. The accompanist will be Sidney Hagans, Director of the Bayonne Interfaith Choir. Lee Smulen is also a member of the event's music committee.

The event will include a candle-lighting ceremony to remember the victims of the Holocaust.

The winners of the Holocaust writing and art contest at Bayonne High School will receive awards sponsored by the Preminger and Epstein families.

Arnold Wendroff is President of the UJA Federation of Bayonne. Dr. Ellen Goldberg is the Executive Director of the UJA Federation and the Jewish Community Center. Ilona Rosenberg is President of the Bayonne Jewish Community Center. Helene Kessel Nagiar and Joseph E. Ryan will co-chair the service.