

Attends Memorial for Slain, Imprisoned Baha'i

I attended the memorial service for the 16 executed members of the Baha'i religion held on July 9 at The Civic. Many of the 300,000 Baha'is in Iran have been imprisoned or killed by the Muslim-dominated government in its current period of religious persecution. I was greeted very cordially by members of the Baha'i faith. I told them I was Jewish and I showed them my Jewish star. One of the members of the Baha'i faith showed me a necklace with their symbol. They asked me why I came. I said I had wanted to do something, and this was my opportunity. They expressed their gratitude.

If you expect someone to speak out against your

oppression, then you must speak out against the oppression of others.

At the service, which lasted 45 minutes, a woman chanted in Arabic. The prayer was in English, and could be applied to any religion. One member said there were other services like this held on the same day throughout the world. President Reagan made a public statement on that day, and the problem had been broadcast through the television media. The struggle for life goes on.

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