

***Comments by Alan Lindy, Sponsor, with Carolyn Lindy,
of Or Hadash's Holocaust Memorial, at the Memorial
Dedication***

My heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Warren Young and his amazing team, which included three children of Survivors, and Rabbi Josh.

Our family has been active at Or Hadash since 1985. I love the spirit and connection of the families. But always felt a gap by the absence of a physical acknowledge of the Jewish suffering during the Holocaust.

About two years, I wrote Jay, the President at that time, and shared that if Or Hadash was interested, and I was not involved in the work, I would be honored to support a Holocaust memorial. A bit later, during tennis, my dear friend Dan Schwarz shared [with me] there was an active committee that came together in response. And each time we played he would update with the process.

What you do not see is all the details the committee processed. The selection of the artist, whether it [the Memorial] was inside or outside, and in each case where. The materials, steel, wood, glass, ceramic. The selection of the boulders. The size. The wording of the plaque. Whether to focus on the gravity and intensity of the suffering, or to add Hope. After Yom Kipper services, I was admiring the exhibit with Dan's mother, Bertha, a survivor herself. Bertha reminded me that when she and Dan traveled to Israel, the two of them took photos of many other Holocaust Memorials. They brought back those photos to the committee, as a reference.

Today's video also demonstrated a piece of the incredible installation. The excavation and pouring the tons of concrete and rods. The cranes and equipment and the exact placement of the boulders. The tying in of the sculpture. A third of the rocks are underground. An incredible amount is not apparent.

I am flabbergasted by the amount of work, detail, [and] coordination of this committee. And their remarkable creation of a truly inspirational, permanent Monument to Or Hadash. This exceeded, by far, my greatest expectations.

Sometimes folks ask which investment do I consider most successful. Without a doubt, it is today's Holocaust Memorial Exhibit.