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DAYS OF  
REMEMBRANCE  
OF THE VICTIMS  
OF THE HOLOCAUST  
OBSERVANCE

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Bergel (first name unknown), Terezin, 10 September 1944. Crayon drawing on paper, 11 3/4 x 8 3/4 inches.

Czech caption reads: "This woman lived in Terezin for three years under the mark Aul-813. Until 15 May 1942 her name was Marie Kleinova. After the war she and her sister Rudolfina changed their names to Klanova since they did not want to have a German name. Marie was born on 3 December 1907 as the last child of . . . Leopold Klein and . . . Bedriska (Dubaska) . . . The picture was drawn by a professor of Vienna."

## DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

- I. OPENING REMARKS ..... STEVE FABER
- II. INVOCATION ..... CHAPLAIN L. STACY COWAN  
Keesler AFB
- III. CAPTAIN'S ADDRESS ..... CAPT DIETER K. RUDOLPH  
Commanding Officer  
Naval Oceanographic Office
- IV. "THE HOLOCAUST:  
FIFTY YEARS LATER" ..... RABBI ROBERT H. LOEWY  
Congregation Gates of Prayer  
Metairie, Louisiana
- V. CLOSING REMARKS ..... STEVE FABER

*On April 12, 1945, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces of Europe, wrote the following words in a letter to George Marshall, his Chief of Staff, describing his first visit to one of the camps liberated by U.S. forces:*

The things I saw beggar description. . . . The visual evidence and the verbal testimony of starvation, cruelty, and bestiality were so overpowering as to leave me a bit sick. Patton would not even enter. He said he would get sick if he did so. I made the visit deliberately, in order to be in a position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to "propaganda."

Rabbi Robert H. Loewy is the Rabbi of Congregation Gates of Prayer in Metairie, Louisiana. He assumed that position in August 1984. Prior to that, he was the Assistant and then Associate Rabbi of Congregation Emanu El in Houston, Texas, for seven years.

Rabbi Loewy is a native of Hempstead, New York. He received his B.A. degree from Cornell University in 1972, M.H.L. degree from the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in 1975, and was ordained as a Rabbi from that institution in 1977.

During his rabbinic career, he has served in many communal roles. He was Secretary of the Greater Houston Rabbinical Association and was the 1984 recipient of the Mae and Edmund Hecht Young Leadership Award, given by the Jewish Federation of Houston. He is Past President of the Greater New Orleans Rabbinic Council and is currently on the Executive Committee of the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans. He has been particularly active with the regional institutions and organizations of Reform Judaism and is Vice President of the Southwest Association of Reform Rabbis. He was a member of the CCAR Reform Jewish Practices Committee and is on the National Board of ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America. Rabbi Loewy is a Jewish Chautauqua Society lecturer in history at Loyola University and serves on the board of the Metropolitan Area Committee of Greater New Orleans, the Regional Aids Interfaith Network (RAIN), and the Steering Committee for the Dillard University Center for Black/Jewish Relations.

Rabbi Loewy is married to the former Lynn Rosenfeld and has four children: Karen, David, Sara, and Mica.