

# HOLOCAUST MEMORIALS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA



**The Holocaust** sculpture outside the Legion of Honor in San Francisco. Sculptor George Segal depicts the guilt of surviving amidst the forced inhumanity around you. *Photo: US Marine Corp 2009*



This **Holocaust Torah** scroll was rescued by local teens of the 2007 March of the Living group from a pawn shop in Warsaw, Poland. Their local Jewish community funded its restoration. Framed burnt panels hang in various Jewish institutions in the South Bay; the restored Torah lives at Congregation Beth David in Saratoga. Its new cover says - *behold it is light rescued from fire.*



The **Pink Triangle Park** in the Castro neighborhood of San Francisco, is the first, permanent, free-standing memorial in America to the thousands of persecuted homosexuals in Nazi Germany. Each of the 15 triangular columns represent 1,000 LGBTQ persons murdered and forced to wear pink triangles as an identifier. According to the neighborhood association who commissioned the park as a civil rights park: *throughout history, there are times when prejudice overwhelms all reason and humanity... Pink Triangle Park and Memorial is a place of remembrance, reflection and education.*



The **Holocaust Memorial Grove** at Sonoma State University, is one of only 11 locations around the world that received a sapling seeded from the dying chestnut tree that Anne Frank mentions in her diary. The Sapling Project seeks to teach today's generation *to fight intolerance in all forms, identify prejudice, stereotyping, polarization, and to advocate for a world based on mutual respect.*