

The following thoughts by Aryeh Rubin appeared in a journal published by the Shul of Bal Harbour on the occasion of a February 2011 dinner honoring members of the congregation who are Holocaust survivors.

In Honor of the Shul Survivors

They did not justify it, because no one can.
They did not try to explain it, because it is unexplainable.
They did not try to make us understand, because it is inexplicable.
They did not speak of divine judgment.
They did not speak of God's lack of omnipotence, nor of His complicity.

They only spoke with their eyes, and it was there, that we saw their pain.
They cried at the loss of their loved ones.
They were outraged at the slaughter of the 6 million.
They were speechless over the one and a half million children.

Yet, they still come to Shul.
And therein lies their courage.

In memory of the 6 million.

—*Aryeh and Raquel Rubin*