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Tree City U.S.A. Distinction

Village of Skokie

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Skokie Celebrates Arbor Day by Planting Terezin Trees

Skokie has been designated as a Tree City since 1985 and each year the Village and the Skokie Park District co-sponsor an Arbor Day tree planting ceremony. This year's Arbor Day ceremony is Thursday, April 27 at 10 a.m. at Niles West High School, and the entire community is invited to attend this family-friendly event. The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center (ILHMEC) is donating three maple Terezin trees to the Village for the 2017 Arbor Day plantings. The Terezin trees are named as such because they originate from a tree planted by children held in the Terezin concentration camp in Czechoslovakia during World War II. To date, saplings from the original tree have been planted in some 600 locations throughout the world in memory of the children from Terezin.

In 2005, a delegation from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, while visiting Terezin, received a sapling from the original tree. The delegation gave the sapling to the Chicago Botanic Gardens where it was cared for until the ILHMEC was complete. On May 7, 2009, the Terezin tree was planted at the ILHMEC and it stands in front of the museum as a living, growing, thriving symbol of the Jewish people's resilience - a tree of life. The three saplings being planted during Arbor Day 2017 came from the ILHMEC Terezin tree. In addition to the April 27 Arbor Day tree planting ceremony at Niles West, ceremonies will be held at Niles North High School and Ida Crown Jewish Academy earlier in the month.

The Arbor Day ceremony is hosted by the Skokie Park District, the Village of Skokie and the Village's Beautification and Improvement Commission.

For more information please contact the Village Forester at 847/933-8427, or visit www.skokie.org.

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