

Holocaust Day

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Still a few days till
Holocaust day
the date marked on the calendar
in a different color, generally grey
but not holiday - business is as usual,
public transport flows,
government offices are open
one can even renew a passport
get a visa to America for a visit
or immigration
the Embassy is open
unlike the day
when a refugee from the inferno
had no address other than the Gates of
"ARBEIT MACHT FREI"
where he came without a passport
prior appointment or reservations.
My neighbor has expressed the wish
That when the time comes
His tombstone will be inscribed - A 93278.

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