

# J-Camp, J-Space kids make 'Peace' stamps collage

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — During the past year, children attending the Alliance JCC J-Space and J-Camp collected a total of 580 canceled postage stamps, which they used to design and create a collage for the Foxborough Regional Charter School (FRCS) Holocaust Stamps Project.

FRCS wants to collect 11 million postage stamps to honor the memories of 6 million Jews — including 1.5 million children — and 5 million other individuals, all victims of the Nazi regime during World War II. It took the Nazis some six years to destroy 11 million lives; in approximately half that time, FRCS students have collected, trimmed and counted more than 1.43 million stamps.

Using a theme of "peace," children juxtaposed three images: a flag of Israel, an American flag and a dove perched on an olive branch. Images of the Israeli and American flags create a vibrant visual statement about peace between nations. The dove, which is delivering an olive branch, soars as a symbol of the world's community of people. Myriad faces imprinted on the international and U.S. stamps form

the dove's graceful shape. The vibrant olive branch is made from a variety of floral stamp designs and the background of tree-themed stamps reinforces the dove's flight.

Finally, the message to "let freedom ring" is made clear by the Liberty Bell shape formed by almost 100 of the Forever Liberty Bell stamps. Many different floral stamps comprise the bell's wooden handle; the two-tone blue Statue of Liberty stamps representing the sky complete the image.

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Oli Ogneri, an Alliance J-Space participant and kindergartener, shows the collage.