

KESSLER: Holocaust Stamps Project reaches impressive milestone

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With the days dwindling until Christmas, here are a few items to tuck away until you have time to read them when all of your shopping is done.

Stamps project update

Charlotte Sheer of Foxboro, the founder of the Foxboro Regional Charter School's Holocaust Stamps Project, passes along this amazing figure: 8,387,520 stamps have been collected through Dec. 10, which represents more than 75 percent of the goal to honor 11 million Holocaust victims. "We're hoping that people will save stamps from their holiday mail for the project," writes Sheer, who is extremely dedicated to the project.

Sheer also passed along these developments:

* With a recent donation of stamps from St. Augustine's Special School in County Dublin, Ireland, the project "is now represented by stamps having come from five countries (Israel, Canada, England, Australia, and Ireland) and 38 states," she writes.

* In November, the project accepted an invitation from Dr. Ron Weisberger to display student-made stamps collages and informational materials in Fall River at Bristol Community College Holocaust Center's educators' workshop. Besides Sheer, those participating in the workshop included the school's history department chairman, Jim Obenchain and student life adviser and current stamps project coordinator Jamie Droste.

* Color notecards, similar to the illustration with this column and featuring the first 10 stamp collages made by students are for sale for \$15 per 10-card pack. Each card includes a short description about its Holocaust-themed student artwork made from hundreds of donated stamps. To order the cards, being sold to support the project's costs, contact the school at 131 Central St. in Foxboro or go to the project's website, www.foxboroughrcs.org/students-families/ frcs-holocaust-stamp-project or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HSPfounder.