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The Council on American-Islamic Relations and the Muslim Public Affairs Council were also represented in the delegation. Dr. Akbar Ahmed, an American University professor active in inter-religious dialogue, who asked the museum to hold the ceremony, stated, "It's important that the world knows there are Muslims who don't believe in this [Holocaust denial]."

A survivor of the Holocaust, Johanna Neumann, recounted how Albanian Muslims hid her and her family and saved their lives when they fled to that country after the Germans occupied Yugoslavia. She and other survivors joined the visiting Muslim representatives and officials of the Museum in lighting candles in memory of the victims of the Holocaust.

*From press releases and news reports*

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