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## **Nashua Holocaust Memorial to be unveiled in the spring**

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NASHUA – Choosing green grass over barren tundra and warmer temperatures for guests, the couple behind the construction of Nashua's elaborate Holocaust Memorial has decided to wait until spring to host its grand opening and dedication.

Fred and Jan Teeboom, who launched the idea and began raising funds four years ago, made the decision recently.

"A couple of things were held up a little bit, and it's getting pretty late in the season, so we figured it would be best to wait until spring," Jan Teeboom said this week. "People will be coming from all over. We don't want to chance bad weather."

Most of the monuments, displays and other amenities have been installed on the site, which is at the southern end of Rotary Common on the west side of Main Street between Lake and West Allds streets.

Fred Teeboom has said the memorial was inspired by a recent trip overseas, during which he visited the Dachau concentration camp in Germany.

Teeboom grew up in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam and lost dozens of family members at the hands of the Nazis.

Although the Nashua site isn't large in area, Teeboom, with assistance from people such as local sculptor John Weidman, found ways to represent many symbolic aspects of the Holocaust.

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