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The Holocaust Memorial was installed on the West Capitol Terrace in June 2013. The memorial is a gift to the people of Iowa from the Jacqueline and Myron Blank Fund. At the memorial dedication, Judy Blank, executor of the fund, told the crowd, "This memorial is in memory of the victims, in gratitude to the Iowans who were part of the armed forces who liberated the prisoners of the concentration camps, and to the survivors who came and made their lives here in Iowa."

The final design and construction of the memorial was overseen by the Confluence landscape architectural firm of Des Moines. The design of ribbons of aluminum in concrete, with prairie grasses, is intended to be an abstract representation of a Holocaust survivor's journey. The struggle for survival and perseverance in the face of oppression are described in text samples along the memorial.