

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington presents

YOM HA'SHOAH V'HAGVURAH

Holocaust Remembrance Day 2018

Hate Speech and the Holocaust

In memory of the six million Jews who perished during the Holocaust

Sunday, April 15, 2018 / 30 י"ד 5778

Temple Beth Ami

14330 Travilah Road, Rockville



CALL TO THE COMMUNITY

Sounding the Shofar by The Beth Ami Shofar Corps

Recitation of "The Star Spangled Banner"

led by Cantor Larry Eschler and Cantorial Soloist Joshana Erenberg, Temple Beth Ami

"Zachor" composed and performed by Cantor Larry Eschler

Quartet accompaniment by H. David Meyers, Oboe; Carl Tretter, Violin;

Jeanne Rosenthal, Viola; Carol Burchuk Warden, Cello

Introductions by Rabbi Emeritus Jack Luxemburg, Rabbi Gary Pokras, and Rabbi Baht Weiss, Temple Beth Ami and Michael Friedman, JCRC President and Ron Paul, MD, JCRC Maryland Remembrance Commission Chair

MEMORIAL TO THE LOST COMMUNITIES

Throughout Europe thriving Jewish communities and shtetls existed before the outbreak of World War II. We mourn their loss and remember their vibrancy. Four generations of survivor families and community members carry placards to remember the countries of Europe where Nazis and their collaborators sought to extinguish Jewish life. Today we accept the obligation of remembrance and commit to carrying forth their legacies:

**Austria, Belgium,
Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia,
Estonia, France, Germany,
Greece, Hungary, Italy,
Latvia, Lithuania,
Luxembourg, Norway,
Poland, Romania,
Soviet Union,
The Netherlands,
Yugoslavia**

CANDLE LIGHTING

From Generation to Generation

This candle lighting ceremony, ongoing since the 1970's, is a testament to the resilience and defiance of Holocaust survivors and their families. Our community bears witness to their example.

The First Candle:

Nat Shaffir

with Deborah Wilbur

Benji & Kira Wilbur

The Second Candle:

Claude Kacser

with Hilary Kacser

Victor Sulla

The Third Candle:

Rose-Helene Spreiregen

The Fourth Candle:

Lou Pohoryles

with Steve, Sharon & Alan Pohoryles

Joseph & Jillian Pohoryles, Macie & Isaac Gelb

The Fifth Candle:

Ossie Borosh

with Samuel & Arye Mindell

in honor of Lucyna Borosh

and in memory of Nathan Ehrlich

The Sixth Candle of the Community

Oren Geron, Counselor for Regional Affairs at the Embassy of Israel, as all Holocaust survivors in attendance are recognized

ANNUAL RECONFIRMATION OF THE LEGACY OF THE HOLOCAUST

The first World Gathering of American Holocaust Survivors took place in Israel in 1981. Thousands strong, they stood together at the *Kotel* as a human wall of defiance and victory over the fate Hitler's Nazis sought for them. The oaths below were penned and first uttered by Elie Wiesel at the *Kotel* at that watershed event.

World Gathering alumnus **Sam Ponczak** recites the pledge.
All Holocaust survivors are invited to stand and recite with him:

We take this oath! We take it in the shadows of flames, whose tongues scar the soul of our people; we vow in the name of our dead parents and children; we vow with our sadness hidden, our faith renewed; we vow we shall never let the sacred memory of our perished six million brethren be forgotten or erased.

We saw them hungry, in fear, we saw them in the loneliness of night, we saw them at the threshold of death, true to their faith. We received their silence in silence, we merged their tears with ours, we are the remaining witnesses: of deportations, executions, mass graves, death camps, mute prayers, hidden souls and cries of revolt. The young, the old, the rich and the poor. The ghetto fighters, the partisans, the scholars and the messianic dreamers, the tradesmen and businessmen, the *Chassidim and Misnagdim*. Like a cloud we saw them vanish.


We take this oath! Vision becomes word, to be handed down from father to son, from mother to daughter, handed down from generation to generation.

Zachor. Remember what the Nazi murderers and their accomplices did to our Jewish people. Remember them with rage and contempt. Remember what an indifferent world did to us and to itself. We also must remember the good deeds of the righteous gentiles.

In 1981 we took this oath in Israel near the *Kotel*. There we handed down a legacy to our children in the shadows of the flames of six symbolic candles. Tonight, at this assembly, we reaffirm our oath in the shadows of the flames of these six *yarzheit* candles honoring the memory of our six million, ***acheinu b'nai Yisrael***, our Jewish brethren.

We take this oath! Our memory will become words. Words of history of the Holocaust to be handed down from generation to generation, ***midor ledor. Unsere K'doshim mir velen eich keinmol nit fargesen.***





THE PLEDGE OF ACCEPTANCE

Accepted by Barbara Heller
in memory of her mother, Gretl Golter

All children of survivors are invited to rise and join in the reading of the pledge.

We, who are your sons and daughters, belong to a generation in which every attempt was made for us to never exist.

We, who represent your victory and your triumph over evil of unthinkable dimensions, accept the responsibility to preserve and protect the legacy of the Holocaust.

We pledge to commemorate. We pledge to educate. We pledge to forever remember.

We pledge to you, our mothers and fathers, who suffered in ways which words cannot describe, that our commitment is an everlasting commitment for this generation and for every generation to come.

We dedicate this pledge to our beloved grandmothers and grandfathers, who never lived to see us. We dedicate this pledge to our aunts, uncles, cousins brothers and sisters, who are forever missing from our lives. We dedicate this pledge to all the six million Jewish men, women, and children who were so brutally murdered, but who will always be in our thoughts and in our hearts.

THE PLEDGE OF CONTINUATION

Accepted by Adam Weissman
Grandchild of a Holocaust Survivor

We, who are your grandchildren, will carry on the Survivors' legacy to prove to ourselves and to others that we can carry on your victory, as well as to memorialize those loved ones who perished in the Holocaust.

We pledge to:

Always remember who we are, where we came from, and also the traumas our grandparents endured and survived;

Educate people of other ethnic, religious, and cultural groups about our grandparents' experiences;

Commit to use lessons of the Holocaust to support justice, tolerance, peace, kindness, and compassion; and

Accept Survivors' memories and to pass them on to future generations.

THE HOLOCAUST MOURNERS' KADDISH

Recited by Holocaust Survivor Edith Cord and Jack Luxemburg, Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Beth Ami with Rabbi Gary Pokras, Rabbi Susan Shankman, Rabbi Baht Weiss, and all Jewish Clergy present.

Ve-yit-aleh, ve-yit-halal <i>Ohrdruf, Plashov, Papenburg, Ponary</i>	וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלַּל	Yit-gadal <i>Auschwitz-Birkenau-Buna, Baranovka, Bergen-Belsen</i>	יִתְגַּדֵּל
Shmei d'kudasha, b'rich Hu, <i>Prague, Radom, Ravensbruck, Rehmsdorf, Riga</i>	שְׁמֵי דְקֻדְשָׁא. בְּרִיךְ הוּא.	Ve-yit-kadash <i>Belzec, Bialystok, Babi Yar</i>	וַיִּתְקַדֵּשׁ
Le-eyla <i>Sachensburg, Sachsenhausen, San Sabba, Shauliai</i>	לְעֵלָא	Shmei raba <i>Bochnia, Bogdanovka, Buchenwald</i>	שְׁמֵי רַבָּא.
Min kol birchata v'shirata <i>Skarzysko-Kamienna, Sobibor</i>	מִן כָּל בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא	B'alma divra chir-utei <i>Chelmo, Cracow, Dachau</i>	בְּעֵלְמָא דֵי בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ
Tus-bechata ve-neche-mata <i>Theresienstadt, Transnistria, Treblinka, Vaivara</i>	תִּשְׁבַּחְתָּא וְנִחַמְתָּא	V'yamlich mal-chutei <i>Dakovo, Danica, Dora</i>	וַיְמַלִּיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ
Da-amiran b'alma <i>Vilna, Warsaw, Zemun, Zhitomir and the scores of other camps.</i>	דְאַמִּירָן בְּעֵלְמָא.	Be-chayei-chon, uv'yomei-chon <i>Dumanovka, Ebensee, Edinetsi, Flossenburg</i>	בְּחַיֵּינוּ וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ
V'imru Amen.	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:	U'vchayei d'chol beit Yisrael <i>Gross-Rosen, Gunskirchen, Gurs</i>	וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל
Yehei Shlama raba min shmaya	יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא	Ba-agala u'vizman kariv <i>Herzogenbusch, Iasi, Jadovno, Kaiserwald</i>	בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְנוֹן קָרִיב,
Ve-chayim aleinu	וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ	V'imru Amen.	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
V'al kol Yisrael	וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.	Ye-hei shmei raba m'vorach	יְהֵא שְׁמֵי רַבָּא מְבֹרָךְ
V'imru Amen.	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:	L'olam ul'ol-mei alma-ya	לְעֹלָם וּלְעֹלְמֵי עֹלְמַיָּא:
Oseh shalom bim-romav	עוֹשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו	Yitbarach ve-yishtabach <i>Kamenets-Podolskiy, Kishiniev, Kovno, Klooga</i>	יִתְבָּרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח
Hu ya-aseh shalom	הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם	Ve-yitpa'ar ve-yitromam <i>Lodz, Lubin, Lublin, Lvov, Lyons</i>	וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיִּתְרַומַם
Aleinu ve-al kol Yisrael	עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל	Ve-yit-naseh, ve-yit-hadar <i>Majdanek, Mauthausen, Minsk, Natzweiler-Struthof, Neuengamme</i>	וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא וַיִּתְהַדָּר
V'imru Amen.	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.		

EL MALEH RACHAMIM

Recited by Cantor Larry Eschler
and Cantorial Soloist Joshana Erenberg

El maleh rachamim shochan bameromim, hamtzey menuchah nechonah al kanfey hashechinah, bema'alot kedoshim utehorim kezohar harakiya mazhirim et kol haneshmote shel sheshet milyoneh hayehudim, chalileh ha'Shoah ba'Eropa, shenehergu, shenish'chetu, shenisrefu, veshanisfu al kidush haShem, b'yadey hameratzchim hanatz'im ve'ozrehem. Lachen Ba'al harachamim yastirem b'seter k'nafav le'olamim, v'yitzror bitzror hachayim et nishmotehem. Adonai hu nachalatam, b'Gan Eden t'hey menuchatam, vey'a'emdum legoralam l'ketz hayamim, v'nomar amen.

G-d full of mercy Who dwells high, grant proper rest under the wings of the Divine Presence, in the great heights of the holy and pure who, like the brilliance of the heavens, shine to all the souls of the six million Jews slain in the European Holocaust who were killed, and slaughtered, and burned, and destroyed in sanctification of G-d's name, at the hands of the Nazi murderers and their assistants. Therefore may the G-d of mercy shelter them in the shelter of G-d's wings for eternity, and bind their souls in the bond of life. The Almighty is their inheritance; may the Garden of Eden be their resting place and may they stand for their destiny in the end of days. And let us say, Amen.

SUSAN HILSEN RATH WARSINGER: RECOLLECTIONS OF HATE IN THE HOLOCAUST

Introduced by Michael Friedman, JCRC President



Susan was the eldest of three children in the Hilsenrath family. She was four years old when Hitler came to power. In the years before the Holocaust, Susan remembers enduring hateful taunts from the other children in her hometown of Bad Kreuznach, Germany. Conditions worsened until November 9-10, 1938, *Krystallnacht*. Shortly thereafter, Susan and her younger brother were smuggled out of Germany into France. After the Nazis invaded France, she and her brother fled once again. With help from the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) and the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), Susan and her brother escaped through the Pyrenees from Spain to Portugal and on to the United States, where they were reunited with their parents in September, 1941. Susan shares her early remembrances of growing anti-Semitism in Nazi Germany and Europe.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

H. David Meyers, Oboe; Carl Tretter, Violin;
Jeanne Rosenthal, Viola; Carol Burchuk Warden, Cello



REMEMBERING HERMAN TAUBE (z"l)

February 2, 1918, Lodz, Poland - March 24, 2014, Rockville, Maryland

Herman Taube was born in Lodz, Poland. He served as a medic in the Polish army until he was captured by Soviet forces in 1939 and sent to Siberia. Upon his release, Herman returned to caring for injured soldiers. He performed these duties through the remainder of the war and postwar period, except when he himself sustained injuries in a landmine explosion. After the war Herman married Susan Strauss, a fellow survivor. The two immigrated to the United States in 1947 and raised five children during nearly 70 years of marriage. Herman is survived by Susan, his children, 11 grandchildren, and many great grandchildren. He was the author of more than twenty novels and books of poetry, as well as 46 original poems that he created each year for this commemoration. Upon this 100th anniversary of his birth, we remember him.

YOM HA'SHOAH, 1986

by Herman Taube, read by Susan Miles

A half a century has so quickly passed,
But from the nightmares we are not released.
Our tears well up as waves on the sea.
We think from the past we may be free.
Our wounds, though, have never healed.
Memories in heaven's dark stay sealed.
They chase us like the storm clouds driven,
pursuing us with sorrow so hearts are riven.

I hold a newspaper in my trembling hand,
but I am not able to comprehend
how even our friends and neighbors
turn their heads, seemingly unashamed,
while in this world there does surely roam
anger and injustice as fury crashes down
our private doors with its hatemongering.

Hurlers of hate with evil spirit revise the past,
only to remind us of the slaughtered ones.

They torment our minds, destroy our rest.
We remain horrified by the evil of their lies.
Reading of revised race hate fires our eyes;
They turn fire-red, our blood is set to boiling
knowing that such hate peddlers are returning.

We query as filled with fear are our hearts.
How is it that history in mockery repeats itself?
Can world leaders, their governments,
too, truly turn to silence while the vandals
burn churches, torch homes of immigrants,
desecrate monuments, holy tombstones,
singing while marching on our cities' streets:
"When blood from our knives spurts...."

AUDIENCE:

A burning feeling that time has deceived us;
Nazi slogan singing and angry marching hurts.
But, worse, is the facing of our own indifference.
Within us, a bush remains perpetually burning,
its embers remnants of once European homes,
and in our minds, its flaring eternally remains.

HYMN OF THE PARTISANS (*Zog Nit Keyn Mol*)

Lyrics by Hirsch Glik, Vilnius Ghetto, 1943

Music composed by Aleksey Surkov with lyrics later set to the music by Dmitri & Daniel Pokrass

Led by Cantor Larry Eschler and Cantorial Soloist Joshana Erenberg

Zog nit keyn mol az du geyst dem letstn veg,
Khotsh himlen blayene farshteln bloye teg.
Kumen vet nokh undzer oysgebenkte sho -
S'vet a poyk ton undzer trot - mir zaynen do!

Never say this is the final road for you,
Though leadened skies may cover over days of blue,
As the hour that we longed for is so near,
Our steps beat out the message - we are here!

The early morning sun will brighten our day
And yesterday with our foe will fade away.
But if the sun delays and in the east remains,
This song as password generations must maintain.

Therefore, never say the road now ends for you,
Though leadened skies may cover over days of blue,
As the hour that we longed for is so near,
Our steps beat out the message - we are here!

TOGETHER WE STAND

Rabbi Gary Pokras and Rabbi Baht Weiss

We remember the atrocities, the fomented hate and the studied indifference that led to the murder of six million of our brothers and sisters. We cannot change the past, but we are compelled in their memory to work for a better future. These are just some of the examples of ways we make that effort in our time and community.

Sherry Nason & Mark Joffe, Temple Beth Ami:
When refugee families sought a new chance at life in our community, we welcomed them, supported them as they transitioned to our culture and land, and became their friends – because we remember what it is to be a stranger in a strange land.

Audience: In The Face Of Hate, We Offer Love

Ron Halber & Guila Franklin Siegel, JCRC:
When local elected officials promote anti-Semitism in their words and deeds, we condemn as we must, and educate where we can to combat ignorance.

Audience: We Stand And Will Be Counted

Debra Linick, JCRC:
When my Muslim neighbors felt hostility and isolation, I came to the mosque to attest "You are my neighbors, I WELCOME you."

Audience: In The Face Of Hate, We Offer Love

Jeremy Oblon & Hannah Handelman, Student To Student:
Our schools faced an increase in bullying and anti-Semitism. We joined JCRC's Student to Student program so we could become teachers about Judaism, the Holocaust and Israel.

Audience: We Stand And Will Be Counted

Meredith Weisel, JCRC & Paul Tiao, Communities United Against Hate (CUAH):
We saw schools in our community responding to increased hate. We banded together as diverse groups with a common mission and formed Communities United Against Hate.

Audience: In The Face Of Hate, We Offer Love

Susan Warsinger, Marsha Tishler, & Louise Lawrence-Israels, Holocaust Survivors:
Because our families experienced the horrors of the Holocaust like so many others here, we dedicated ourselves to teaching about the Holocaust and insuring its lessons are never forgotten.

Audience: We Stand And Will Be Counted

Gal Naor, Bender JCC, Steve Adelberg, JCRC, & Kim Roberts & Lisa Goodman, Temple Beth Ami:
Whether or not we had family members who personally endured the Holocaust, we are ALL their children. We will continue their legacies through our work in Holocaust education, bringing survivors' testimony to future generations.

Audience: In The Face Of Hate, We Offer Love

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Ron Paul, MD, JCRC Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Commission Chair

Ron Halber, JCRC Executive Director

HA'TIKVAH

Written by N.H. Imber, Arranged by P. Ben-Haim

Kol 'od balevav p'nimah	כל עוד בלבב פנימה
Nefesh Y'hudi homiyah	נפש יהודי הומיה
Ulfa'atei mizrach kadimah	ולפאתי מזרח, קדימה,
Ayin l'tzion tzofiyah	עין לציון צופיה,

Od lo avdah tikvatenu	עוד לא אבדה תקותנו,
Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim,	התקוה בת שנות אלפים
Lihyot 'am chofshi b'artzeinu	להיות עם חפשי בארצנו,

Eretz Tziyon vi'rushalayim	ארץ ציון וירושלים.
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As long as the Jewish spirit is yearning deep in the heart, with eyes turned toward the East, looking toward Zion, then our hope—the two-thousand-year-old hope—will not be lost: to be a free people in our land, the land of Zion and Jerusalem.

CONCLUDING SOUNDING OF THE SHOFAR

The Beth Ami Shofar Corps

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JCRC of Greater Washington & the Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Commission

The JCRC President **Michael Friedman**; **Ron Halber**, Executive Director; **Ron Paul, MD**, Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Commission Chair;

Guila Franklin Siegel, Associate Director; **Debra Linick**, Holocaust Programming Consultant; **Steve Adleberg**, Education Outreach Director;

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Holocaust Survivor Organizations: Jewish Holocaust Survivors & Friends of Greater Washington: **Louise Lawrence-Israels**;

Holocaust Survivors - The Last Generation: **Edith Cord & Lisa Kraft**; One Thousand Children: **Claude Kacser**;

Washington DC Kindertransport Association: **Alfred Traum**; The Generations After: **Dena Hirsh & Olimpia Sulla** and 3GDC: **Ilana Weltman**

Temple Beth Ami Clergy & Staff: **Rabbis Gary Pokras & Baht Weiss**; Cantor **Larry Eschler & Cantorial Soloist Joshana Erenberg**;

Diane Ferraro, **Lisa Goodman**, **Shelly Gordon**, **Kim Roberts**, and **Janice Rosenblatt**.

Other Supporting Organizations: BBYO Senior Regional Director: **Rachael Pazornick**;

B'nai B'rith Chesapeake Bay Region: **Jeremy Kay & Marilyn Bargteil**; B'nai Israel Congregation Liaison: **Marsha Tishler**;

Exhibits Coordinator: **Sonia Beekman**; Dor L'Dor Coordinator: **Bernie Lubran**;

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Teen Engagement & Philanthropy Manger **Samantha Vinokor-Meinrath**;

Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) Holocaust Survivor Program Director **Ellen Blalock**;

Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Seaboard Regional 1st Vice President **Bob Watts**; Leisure World Liaison: **Fred Shapiro**;

Milton Gottesman Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital Jewish Life Director: **Sharon Freundel**;

Montgomery College Portraits of Life Exhibit Coordinator: **Professor Ken Jassie**; Montgomery County Council Liaison: **Lisa Mandel-Trupp**;

Shaare Torah Liaison: **Connie Liss**; Yad Vashem's Names Recovery Project: **Jonina Duker**.

Former Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Commission Chairs: **Susan Banes Harris**, **Manny Mandel**, and **Michael Eric Seigel**.

PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANK YOUS

Temple Beth Ami & the Youth Education Program

The JCRC thanks **Rabbi Gary Pokras, Rabbi Baht Weiss, & Rabbi Emeritus Jack Luxemburg**, Executive Director **Janice Rosenblatt**, Program and Engagement Director **Shelly Gordon**, Facilities Director **Diane Ferraro**, and President **Laura Rose**. Cantor **Larry Eschler** and Cantorial Soloist **Joshana Erenberg** contributed vocal support. Education Director **Kim Roberts** and Youth Director **Lisa Goodman** led today's teen program. In addition to today's commemoration, the JCRC's **Steve Adleberg** has arranged for Holocaust survivors to speak at over 25 venues so far this year to more than 2,000 people.

Supporting Synagogues & Organizations

Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation, AJC Washington, D.C., Anti-Defamation League, Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Beth Shalom Congregation and Talmud Torah, Bethesda Jewish Congregation, B'nai Shalom of Olney, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Charles E. Smith Life Communities, Congregation Beit Chaverim of Calvert County, Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County, Congregation B'nai Tzedek, Congregation Har Shalom, Congregation Har Tzeon Agudath Achim, Congregation Sha'are Shalom of Waldorf, Congregation Tifereth Israel, Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park, Hadassah Greater Washington, Hevrat Shalom Congregation of King Farm, InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, Jewish Council for the Aging, Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse, Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington, Jewish Social Service Agency, Kemp Mill Synagogue, Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy, Milton J. Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation's Capital, Mishkan Torah, Montgomery County Faith Community Advisory Council, Ohr Kodesh Congregation, Shaare Torah, Silver Spring Jewish Center, Temple Beth Ami, Temple Emanuel, Temple Sinai, The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Young Israel Ezras Israel of Potomac, Washington Board of Rabbis, Washington Hebrew Congregation, and Yad Vashem Names Recovery Project.

Art & Artifacts Exhibits

Volunteer Exhibits Director **Sonia Beekman** arranged for 23 organizations, synagogues, day schools, professional artists, and Holocaust survivor families to display informative and thought-provoking pieces at this year's commemoration. We thank her for her outstanding efforts and thank the following exhibitors: **Organizations:** Anti-Defamation League: **Doron Ezickson, Seth Gordon-Lipkin, and Robert Lattin**; The Butterfly Project: **Cheryl Rattner**; Federation of Jewish Men's Club's Seaboard Region: **Bob Watts and Tom Loggie**; The Generations After: **Barbara Brandys, Dena Hirsh, and Olimpia Nowicka**; Jewish Social Service Agency: **Ellen Blalock, Adrienne Ognibene, and Rebecca Porter**; Montgomery College Portraits of Life: **Prof. Ken Jassie**; Montgomery County Public Libraries: **Febe Huezio**; Museum of Tolerance: **Melissa Gutstein**; The Philip Newman Holocaust Collection: **Jennifer Weitzner**; United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: **Jaime Molnor and Kate English**; Yad Vashem Names Recovery Project: **Jonina Duker**
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Individual Professional Artists & Artifact Exhibitors: **Felisa Federman, Maurice Margulies, Cindy Renteria, Jessica Simon, and Marion Triner**

Community Quartet

H. David Meyers, Oboe; **Carl Tretter**, Violin; **Jeanne Rosenthal**, Viola; and **Carol Burchuk Warden**, Cello gave poignant performances throughout the early hours of the day and during the commemoration.

Dor L'Dor Dialogues with Holocaust Survivors

Thanks to **Bernie Lubran, Robert Lubran, Harvey Reiter, and Wendy Reiter** for coordinating this inter-generational opportunity to hear first hand testimony from Holocaust survivors in our community. We thank the following individuals for sharing their testimony: **Jacob Apelberg, Liese Fischer, Julie Keefer, Louise Lawrence-Israels, Harry Markowicz, and Bill Zimmerman.**

"Unto Every Person There is a Name"

The B'nai B'rith Chesapeake Bay Region, in conjunction with Yad Vashem - The World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Israel, sponsors "Unto Every Person There is a Name." This public name-reading commemorates children and adults who perished in the Holocaust, restoring some dignity to those who were stripped of their identities and robbed of their lives. We remember each year at this time the six million individual lost to the Jewish people by reading as many names as possible.

Led by Chair **Jeremy Kay, Jack Ventura, and Marilyn Bargteil**

Thank You

The JCRC's annual Yom Ha'Shoah Commemoration is made possible through the generosity of our community members. Donors and volunteers are acknowledged with gratitude in an addendum to this program.

With special thanks to **Debra Linick** for her dedication and creative efforts in organizing this commemoration.

LEARN ABOUT THE ORGANIZATIONS PRESERVING THE MEMORY OF THE HOLOCAUST AND COMBATING HATE

Anti-Defamation League (ADL), adl.org, was founded in 1913 "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and secure justice and fair treatment to all." The mob murder of Leo Frank in Atlanta and pervasive anti-Semitism that found its way into housing codes and education quotas spurred ADL's growth and underscored the importance of its work. Today ADL works closely with law enforcement and education officials across the nation to identify and counter the threats of cyberbullying, extremism and hate crimes in our schools and society.

Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), splcenter.org, was founded by civil rights lawyers Morris Dees and Joseph Levin, Jr. in 1971. SPLC lawyers work to dismantle institutional racism, track and expose hate groups and provide "Teaching Tolerance" programs free of charge for schools across the nation. Its headquarters in Montgomery Alabama maintains the "Civil Rights Memorial Center," to ensure that the legacy and lessons from that era inform society's actions today.

Life After Hate (#WeCounterHate), lifeafter.hate.org, was launched by former Neo-Nazi Arno Michaelis in 2010 to provide pathways for extremists to disengage from hate movements. The evidence-based methods and powerful personal narratives of its staff and leadership have proven successful in helping individuals move away from racism and violence through compassion, individualized education, job training and person-to-person assistance. Its programs include the international "Strong Cities Network," "ExitUSA," and "Against Violent Extremism (AVE)."

Communities United Against Hate (CUAH), cuahmcmd.org, is a coalition of Montgomery County organizations dedicated to promoting inclusiveness in the County and combating bigotry and hate. Working together, CUAH endeavors to provide immediate response to hate incidents, as well as longer-term resources for addressing hate and bigotry through public education and advocacy.

InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington (IFC), ifcmw.org, brings together 11 different faith traditions in our region to advance justice, build community, and promote dialogue. Founded in 1978 by Rev. Dr. Clark Lobenstine, the IFC hosts concerts, lectures and public dialogues and publishes resources including the "Emergency Services Directory," and "Teaching About Religion" guidebook. Its 2018 Unity Walk, Dinner Dialogues, and other programs are centered around the theme "#KnowYourNeighbor."

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide, ushmm.org, serves as a living memorial to the Holocaust. Its mission is to inspire citizens and leaders worldwide to confront hatred, prevent genocide, and promote human dignity. Since its dedication in 1993, the Museum has welcomed more than 40 million visitors, including 99 heads of state and more than ten million school-age children. The Museum provides onsite and traveling exhibitions and classes to reach teachers, students, law enforcement, judicial branch officials, members of the military and diplomatic corps, and other leaders. The Museum also maintains a large repository of Holocaust archives, survivor and martyr registries.

Yad Vashem - The World Holocaust Research Center (Yad Vashem), yadvashem.org, provides worldwide resources for commemoration, documentation, and research surrounding the Holocaust. Its educational arm, "The International School for Holocaust Studies," trains hundreds of international students, IDF soldiers, and other Israeli security forces each year. In the U.S., Yad Vashem partners with the ADL and the USC Shoah Foundation Institute to offer training to tens of thousands of educators and community leaders annually. To date, Yad Vashem has recognized more than 26,500 individuals as "Righteous Among the Nations," and retains the largest, most comprehensive Holocaust-era archives containing over 200 million pages of documentation.

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