

YOM HA'SHOAH

Northern Virginia's 2019 Holocaust Commemoration

MEMORY & LEGACY

Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia

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Congregation Beth Emeth
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of Northern Virginia



Agudas Achim Congregation
A welcoming community of Jewish faith and life-time learning



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Opening Music

Sounding the Shofar

Jim North, Kol Ami: Northern Virginia Reconstructionist Congregation

Leading "The Star Spangled Banner"

Leslie Lesner, Kol Ami: Northern Virginia Reconstructionist Congregation

Welcome

David Jaffe, President, & **Jeff Dannick**, Executive Director,
Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia

Opening Remarks

Rabbi Michelle "Mina" Goldsmith, Congregation Beth Emeth

Ira Bartfield, Northern Virginia Holocaust Commemoration Co-Chair, & **Ron Halber**, Executive Director,
Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater Washington

Why We Must Remember

Irene (Fogel) Weiss, Holocaust survivor, retired teacher (born in Czechoslovakia 1930)

Introduced by **Lesley Weiss**, Irene's daughter, Deputy Director, National Coalition Supporting Eurasian Jewry & Member,
U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad



Irene Weiss was born in 1930, in Bótrágy, Czechoslovakia (now Batrad, Ukraine). When Nazi Germany invaded Czechoslovakia in 1939, Bótrágy came under Hungarian rule.

Over a two-month period beginning in May, 1944, nearly 425,000 Jews were deported from Hungary to Auschwitz-Birkenau, including Irene and her family. Irene was 13 years old.

After 8 months of slave labor Irene, her older sister, and two aunts were forcibly evacuated on foot from Auschwitz to concentration camps in Germany. In 1947, Irene, her sister, and one aunt immigrated to New York.

Irene married Martin Weiss in 1949 and they moved to northern Virginia in 1953. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from American University and taught in the Fairfax County public school system for 13 years. Martin passed away in January, 2013. Irene has 3 children, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. A volunteer at the U.S Holocaust Memorial Museum, Irene is a frequent speaker about her experiences.

V'ani Ashir Uzekha – But as for me, I will sing of Your Strength

Psalms 59, verses 17-18, Music by: Josh Warshawsky,
Performed by: Ein Lanu Z'man (the Agudas Achim Band, "We Have No Time")

But as for me, I will sing of Thy strength; yea, I will sing
aloud of Thy mercy in the morning; for Thou hast been my
high tower, and a refuge in the day of my distress.

י ואני, אשיר עזך -- וארנן לבקר, חסדך;
כיהיית משגב לי; ומנוס, ביום צר-לי.
יח עזי, אליך אזמרה:

O my strength, unto Thee will I sing praises; (for God is my
high tower, the God of my mercy.)

(כי-אלהים משגבי, אלהי חסדי.)

Va'ani ashir uzecha va'aranein laboker chasdecha ki hayita misgav li, umanos b'yom tzar li.
Uzi eilecha azameira (Ki Elohim misgabi, elohai chasdi)

How We Remember Na'ama Gold, Executive Director, George Mason University Hillel

Both of Na'ama's grandmothers lived as children in Nazi ghettos in Romania. Her Grandma Blooma would not have survived had her mother not bribed a doctor for medicine. Grandma Chana's blond hair and blue eyes made it easier for her to sneak out of the ghetto and steal food for her family.

Na'ama's grandfather Yehuda lived in Czechoslovakia. His father died as a Czech soldier fighting the Nazi invasion. He, his mother, and 5 siblings were all deported to Auschwitz. Only he and his brother Moshe survived. Moshe kept the family name Lazar and Yehuda took his mother Chaya's maiden name of Abraham. Both vowed they would marry and pass down the family names their siblings had been deprived of ever using. Yehuda joined the underground Zionist group *Ha'Etzel* and helped smuggled Jews to Palestine. He subsequently met Na'ama's grandmother Blooma in Israel.



Na'ama's paternal great-grandfather, Abraham Tshuva, was a rabbi and shop owner in Tripoli, Libya. During the period of Axis control of the country, when increasingly restrictive measures were imposed on Jews, he was murdered. The remainder of his family emigrated to Israel in the early 1950's, along with most of the centuries-old Jewish population of Libya.

Na'ama cannot remember a time in her hometown of Arad when she did not know about the Holocaust or the suffering and perseverance of her grandparents. She remembers a sea of white mourning clothes worn by her and her elementary school classmates every year on *Yom Ha'Shoah*.

Na'ama served 3 years in an Israeli Defense Forces field intelligence unit before working for the municipal government in Jerusalem and then moving to Northern Virginia. She and her husband Omer have one daughter, Gefen.

L'Dor V'Dor

Choreography by Vera Kudinova, j.Dance Instructor

Performed by Ilana Feldman, Maggie Stem, and Vera Kudinova

Music: "The Theme to Schindler's List"

By John Williams, Performed by Carl Day



Candles of the Survivors

Candle One

Janine Bland
COL Frank Cohn
Joan DaSilva
Prof. Marysia Dworzecka
Justin Dingfelter

Candle Two

Ania & Marcel Drimer
Ninetta Feldman
Leonard Gordon
Anne Herrmann

Candle Three

Ruth Kohn
Michel Margosis
Sam Ponczak
Irene Rehbock
Erika Robinson

Serenade: Prologue

Music by: Benjamin Britten

Performed by Jason Wright, French Horn

Kol Ami: Northern Virginia Reconstructionist Congregation

Candles of the Next Generation

Candle Four

Elinor Abraham
In memory of Margo Lange

Marguerite Adams
In memory of Jacques Grable

Helen Albert
*In memory of Oscar "Shia" Albert &
Diana Albert (nee Doba Drezner) &
Lucjan Gasiorowski, Righteous Among
the Nations who saved her*

Nelson Blitz
In memory of David & Rose Blitz

Robin Feuerberg

*In memory of
Rose (Ferberg) Feuerberg*

Ava Szabo Flores
*In memory of Agnes Szabo Hartzler &
Oscar Szabo, a Righteous Christian
who saved 29 Hungarian Jews*

Judith Fogel
*In memory of Elona Goldstein Fogel
& Ha'Rav Hersch Zvi Fogel*

Dan Gilman
*In memory of Harry J. Gilman &
Marcia M. Gilman*

Rabbi Michelle "Mina" Goldsmith
In honor of David Gelbart

Myra Brown Gondos
*In memory of Blanche & Morris Brown
and her sister Jehudis Brown*

Emmanuel Sigmund Horowitz
*In memory of Josef Horowitz
& Lia Redlich Horowitz*

Frank Kohn
*In honor of & alongside Ruth Kohn
& in memory of Dr. Herbert Kohn*

Candle Five

Ita Zoberman Mandel
In memory of Louis Zoberman

Lilianne Milgrom
*In memory of David Pavel Milgrom & in
honor of Miniam Unreich (nee Blumenstock)*

Suzan Onel
*In memory of Miniam Spitzer Onel whose
family initially provided safe haven for
expat Jews in Yugoslavia*

Michelle Rendelman
*In memory of Joseph & Leona Nataf
& Jeannine Nataf-Schumacher*

Pearl Raikin
In memory of Carol & Jack Znišek

Paul Rohrlach
In honor of Fritz Rohrlach

Amnon Salomon
*In honor of Haviva and
Fred Salomon of Israel*

Julia Salpeter
In memory of Irma & Jeno Illes

Julia Steele
*In honor of & alongside
Ninetta Feldman*

Irv Varkonyi
In memory of Livia and Ignaz Varkonyi

Dr. Rochelle Weinberger
In memory of Irving & Shari Weinberger

Marty Zelman
*In honor of Toby Torens Zelman
and in memory of David Zelman*

The Pledge Of Acceptance

Judith Fogel & Irv Varkonyi light candles 4 & 5 and lead all children of survivors as they recite:

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

All grandchildren of survivors rise and join in reading:

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;

We pledge to educate people of other ethnic, religious, and cultural groups
about our grandparents' experiences;

We pledge to commit to use lessons of the Holocaust
to support justice, tolerance, peace, kindness, and compassion; and

We pledge to accept survivors' memories and to pass them on to future generations.

The Sixth Candle Of Hope

Eyal Naor, Minister-Counselor of Congressional Affairs, Embassy of Israel

Irene Weiss, Holocaust Survivor

Lesley Weiss, Presidential Appointee, U.S. Commission
for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad

El Maleh Rachamim

Cantor Robert Scherr

*El maleh rachamim shochen bameromim,
hamtzey menuchah nechonah al kanfey
hashechinah, bema'alot kedoshim utehorim
kezohar harakiya mazhirim et kol
haneshmot shel sheshet milyoneh hayehudim,
chalileh ha'Shoah ba'Eropa, shenehergu,
shenish'chetu, shenisrefu, veshanisfu al kidush
haShem, b'yadey hameratzchim hanatzi'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,
veya'emdu legoralam l'ketz hayamim,
v'nomar amen.*

God 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 God's name, at the hands of the Nazi murderers and their assistants. Therefore may the Master of mercy shelter them in the shelter of His wings for eternity, and bind their souls in the bond of life. The Lord 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.



The Holocaust Mourners' Kaddish

Recited by Holocaust survivor Marcel Drimer alongside
Cantor Susan Caro, Rabbi Darryl Crystal, Hazzan Elisheva Dienstfrey, Rabbi Mina Goldsmith,
Cantor Allen Leider, Rabbi David Spinrad, Rabbi Jennifer Weiner, and all Jewish Clergy present

Ve-yitpa'ar ve-yitromam <i>Lodz, Lubin, Lublin, Lvov, Lyons</i>	וַיִּתְּפָאֵר וַיִּתְּרֹמֵם	Yit-gadal <i>Auschwitz-Birkenau-Buna, Baranovka, Bergen-Belsen</i>	וַיִּתְגַּדֵּל
Ve-yit-naseh, ve-yit-hadar <i>Majdanek, Mauthausen, Minsk, Natzweiler-Struthof, Neuengamme</i>	וַיִּתְּנָשָׂא וַיִּתְּהַדָּר	Ve-yit-kadash <i>Belzec, Bialystok, Babi Yar</i>	וַיִּתְקַדֵּשׁ
Ve-yit-aleh, ve-yit-halal <i>Ohrdruf, Plashov, Papenburg, Ponary</i>	וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלֵּל	Shmei raba <i>Bochnia, Bogdanovka, Buchenwald</i>	שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.
Shmei d'kudesha, b'rich Hu, ברִיךְ הוּא. <i>Prague, Radom, Ravensbruck, Rehmsdorf, Riga</i>		B'alma divra chir-utei <i>Chelmno, Cracow, Dachau</i>	בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ
Le-eyla <i>Sachensburg, Sachsenhausen, San Sabba, Shauliai</i>	לְעֵלָא	V'yamlich mal-chutei <i>Dakovo, Danica, Dora</i>	וַיַּמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ
Min kol birchata v'shirata <i>Skarzysko-Kamienna, Sobibor</i>	מִן כָּל בִּרְכַּתָּא וְשִׁירַתָּא:	Be-chayei-chon, uv'yomei-chon <i>Dumanovka, Ebensee, Edineti, Flossenburg</i>	בְּחַיֵּיכֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכֹן
Tus-bechata ve-neche-mata <i>Theresienstadt, Transnistria, Treblinka, Vaivara</i>	תְּשַׁבְּחַתָּא וְנַחֲמַתָּא	U'vchayei d'chol beit Yisrael <i>Gross-Rosen, Gunskirchen, Gurs</i>	וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל
Da-amiran b'alma <i>Vilna, Warsaw, Zemun, Zhitomir and the scores of other camps.</i>	דְּאָמִירָן בְּעֵלְמָא.	Ba-agala u'vizman kariv <i>Herzogenbusch, Iasi, Jadovno, Kaiserwald</i>	בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמָּן קָרִיב,
V'imru Amen.	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:	V'imru Amen.	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
		Ye-hei shmei raba m'vorach <i>L'olam ul'ol-mei alma-ya</i>	יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבֹרָךְ
		Yitbarach ve-yishtabach <i>Kamenets-Podolskiy, Kishiniev, Kovno, Klooga</i>	לְעֵלָם וּלְעֵלְמֵי עֲלְמֵיָא: יִתְבָּרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח

Yehei Shlama raba min shmaya ve-chayim aleinu v'al kol Yisrael. V'imru Amen. Oseh shalom bim-romav
hu ya-aseh shalom aleinu ve-al kol Yisrael. V'imru Amen.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן: עוֹשֶׂה
שָׁלוֹם בְּמַחְמוֹת אֵיגֶשֶׁה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Oseh Shalom (Make Peace)

Music by: Lance Rhodes, Performed by: Ein Lanu Z'man

Oseh shalom bimromav hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol yisrael v'imru amen

May God bring peace for us and those who need peace and for all of our friends and kol Yisrael.

עוֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמֵן.



Kate (right) recording testimony from teachers in Kampong Cham in partnership with the Documentation Centre, Cambodia

Teaching The Next Generation

Kate Wechesser English, Executive Director, Educator's Institute for Human Rights (EIHR)

Introduced by Robert English, her son and a U.S. Capitol Police Officer

Kate English is the Executive Director of the Educator's Institute for Human Rights. She has led the organization as Executive Director since 2016. EIHR's vision to empower teachers to repair the world brings Kate to all corners of the globe. From Bosnia to Rwanda to Cambodia and Ukraine, EIHR's goal is to help educators and their students better understand the history of mass atrocities and apply these lessons to helping create a more tolerant, educated, and peaceful world.

Kate has earned numerous teaching and Holocaust-studies related recognitions, including from the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM), where she continues to serve as a Museum Teacher Fellow. Her extensive research includes the events of the Holocaust as well as mass atrocities in locations such as Bosnia-Herzegovina, The Netherlands, Ukraine, Poland, Northern Ireland, Tanzania, and Rwanda. Her vast knowledge and teaching skills are in high demand as she facilitates at conferences, workshops, and summits both nationally and internationally, often featuring lessons she created for the USHMM Center for the Prevention of Genocide's interactive installation, "From Memory to Action."

Kate is a dual-citizen of the U.S. and the Republic of Northern Ireland, where her family roots first fostered her commitment to human rights. When she is not travelling the world to strengthen reconciliation and teach peaceful understanding, she is a full-time teacher in the Alexandria City Public Schools. Kate is being introduced by her son, who has had the privilege of being a first hand witness to some of his mother's work and travels.

Their Legacy... Our Responsibilities Ira Bartfield, Rabbi Mina Goldsmith, David Yaffe

A survivor has lived three lives: the one before their trauma, the traumatic daily life experienced during the Shoah, and the life they were able to mold in the aftermath of - and in defiance of - the injustices they experienced. At this commemoration, we rededicate ourselves to honoring the totality of these lives, through the good works we undertake individually and collectively.

Julia Salpeter & Frank Kohn, Participants from the Children of Survivors Group at Temple B'nai Shalom: Our parents were survivors in ALL meanings of the word. Their life stories are seared onto our hearts - they molded our childhoods and made us the adults we are today. We have devoted our time and energy to bringing together children of survivors, to ensure that their parents' legacy is honored and preserved.

Congregation: We will cherish and preserve their legacy.

Rita Evrony & Ron Halber, JSSA & JCRC: We dedicate our professional energies to advocating for and ensuring the well-being of survivors as they enter the last phases of their lives. We honor their lifetime bravery and resilience by ensuring that our government and our community provide material, emotional and spiritual support to these most honored elders in our midst.

Congregation: We will provide care, comfort, and security to survivors as they age.

Laurie Albert & Michelle Leichty, JCCNV: *Schlichim* or young "Emissaries from Israel" come each year to strengthen ties between Israeli and American Jews. They have taught us the growing Israeli tradition for Holocaust remembrance called "*Zikaron Ba'Salon*," or "Memories in the Living Room". We have learned and created our own "*Salonim*," lifting up the legacy of the Shoah at gatherings in our homes with survivors and with friends. Through these events we create our own rituals of remembrance and hope our example will inspire others.

Congregation: We will embrace new ways to commemorate the Shoah that will take hold and endure among younger generations of Jews.

Students of Beth Emeth Congregation: Whether we learn about the Holocaust from our families' experiences or confront this history for the first time in a classroom, we are forever changed by this knowledge. We come to today's commemorations with a renewed commitment to respond to injustice and to live a Jewish life of meaning and joy.

Congregation: We will honor the sacrifices of prior generations by living as proud, knowledgeable, confident Jews.

Steve Adleberg & Debbie Linick, JCRC: We hear their call to witness their legacy and learn from their insights, and we accept this sacred mission. We arrange for survivors throughout our community to speak to thousands of students each year and to participate in this commemoration and other opportunities to speak their truths and be heard.

Congregation: We share their legacy.

Hannah Goldstein, Student-to-Student Ambassador: We see antisemitism increasing around us, especially in schools. My response is to nurture greater shared understanding, empathy and kindness among teens. Through JCRC's Student-to-Student program, I share my experiences as a young Jewish woman with my non-Jewish peers and explain my own personal connections to Jewish observance, to the Holocaust, and to the State of Israel.

Congregation: We pledge to uphold critical lessons of the Shoah by combating hatred and speaking up for ourselves and our fellow Jews.

Concluding Remarks

Ron Halber, JCRC Executive Director &
Jeff Dannick, JCCNV Executive Director

Ha'Tikvah

Written by N.H. Imber, arranged by P. Ben-Haim, led by Cantor Allen Leider, Temple Rodef Shalom

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.

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.

Acknowledgements

The JCRC of Greater Washington's Holocaust Remembrance & Education

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater Washington organizes Holocaust commemorative, educational, and advocacy activities throughout the year. Founded in 1938, the JCRC's commitment to the lessons of the Holocaust is unwavering and our community-wide commemorations date back to at least the 1970's. The Northern Virginia Holocaust Commemoration is organized under the leadership of Sam Kaplan, JCRC President; and Ira Bartfield and Ellen Blalock, Northern Virginia Holocaust Commemoration Co-Chairs; Ron Halber, Executive Director; Guila Franklin Siegel, Associate Director; with Debra Linick, Holocaust Programming Consultant; and Steve Adleberg, Education Outreach Director; Julie Greenwald, Nirma Medrano, Deborah Miller, and Alexis Schwartz; Ludovica Efrati and Alexander Romero, Interns; and the JCRC Staff.

We dedicate our efforts in loving memory of Judy Flippen-Anderson (z"l) commission chair and co-chair who made enduring contributions from 2011 until her passing in 2018 just days before the commemoration.

Lead Partners

The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (JCCNV) is the permanent partner of the JCRC in hosting the Northern Virginia Holocaust Commemoration: **David Yaffe**, President; **Jeff Dannick**, Executive Director; **Marc Jacob**, Associate Executive Director; **Laurie Albert**, Director of Community Engagement; **Laura Adler**, Marketing Director; and **Mike Marini**, Production and Facilities Manager; each assisted to develop this year's program. **Rabbi Michelle "Mina" Goldsmith** of Congregation Beth Emeth oversaw the commemoration and **Hazzan Elisheva Dienstfrey** of Agudas Achim Congregation led all musical efforts.

JCRC Youth Engagement & Holocaust Survivors Speaker Program

As part of its year-round commitment to Holocaust education, the JCRC's Education Outreach Director **Steve Adleberg** arranged for Holocaust survivors to speak at more than twenty-five Greater Washington synagogues, schools, and other venues. Together they will have reached more than 2,000 local teens and others who will carry on their legacy. Today, prior to the community commemoration Congregation Beth Emeth's Education Director **Ita Mandel** organized the Teen Yom Ha'Shoah Commemoration in partnership with **Laurie Albert**, JCCNV; **Steve Adleberg**, JCRC; and the Northern Virginia Education Directors Council (NoVA EDC).

Visual Arts

Sarah Berry, JCCNV Cultural Arts Director, arranged for the exhibit of "Meaning Making Through Art Making." Art therapy doctoral student **Elizabeth Hlavek** was present to discuss this exhibit she curated from among more than 30,000 works rendered by Jewish artists in six of the most infamous ghettos and extermination camps. This is among the first viewings of her work in the U.S. We thank her and the organizations that provided permission for display of their works: *The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, The Ghetto Fighter's Museum, Yad Vashem - The World Holocaust Remembrance Center, Bet Terezin, and The Vilna Jewish Historical museum.*

Music Arts

Hazzan Elisheva Dienstfrey arranged for **Ein Lanu Z'man** (We Have No Time): **The Agudas Achim Band** with **Katherine Allen** (Vocals), **Elisheva Dienstfrey** (Guitar/Vocals), **Michael Linver** (Vocals), **Alex Perry** (Percussion/Vocals), **David Pritzker** (Clarinet/Vocals), **Randy Stein** (English Concertina/Vocals) and **Vic Tynes** (Electric Bass/Vocals). The JCRC also thanks **The Kol Amites** represented by Music Director **Jason Wright**, Cantorial Soloist **Jim North**, and **Leslie Lesner**.

Performing Arts

Brenda Forsley, JCCNV "J.Dance" Director, arranged for **Vera Kudinova** to choreograph and perform an original dance "L'Dor V'Dor" performed by **Vera Kudinova**, **Maggie Stem**, and **Ilana Feldman**.

Jewish Social Service Agency

*The Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) provides local Holocaust survivors with critical safety net services. We thank **Deborah Adler** and **Rita Evrony** for supporting this commemoration.*

The Yellow Candle Project

Thank you to **Bob Watts**, Regional President for the *Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs*, who coordinated the Yellow Candle Project

"Unto Every Person There is a Name"

The Uriah P. Levy Chapter of B'nai B'rith Chesapeake Bay Region, in conjunction with Yad Vashem - The World Holocaust Remembrance Center, sponsors "Unto Every Person There is a Name." This public name-reading commemorates individuals who perished in the Holocaust, restoring some dignity to those who were stripped of their identities and robbed of their lives.

*Barbara Brenman chairs the program with the name reading led by **Jerry Jacobs** and **Ira Bartfield**.*

Yad Vashem & U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Names Recovery

Thank you **Jonina Duker** of *Yad Vashem's Names Recovery Project* and to the *U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum* for hosting their displays. Visit both museums' registries at: www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/remembrance/names/ and www.ushmm.org (search Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry) to aid in their missions to record all Holocaust martyrs and survivors

Thank You!

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