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Congregation Sha'are Shalom



OPENING MUSIC

Eyli, Eyli, probably the most frequently re-published Yiddish song, was written by Jacob Sandler (1867-1931) for a play staged in New York in 1896. It was first published in an arrangement by H. A. Russotto in 1907. The song was part of Al Jolson's repertoire, and Mischa Elman made and recorded a transcription for violin and piano. During World War II, Eyli, Eyli was sung by Miriam Eisenstadt, known as the "nightingale of the Warsaw Ghetto". More recently, the song was one of the first recorded by Soviet Jewish singers when the USSR began to open to the West. The text begins "Eyli, eyli, lomo azavtoni?" (My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?).

Performed by violinist, **Carl Tretter**

As an amateur violinist, over the past 20 years Carl Tretter has performed in numerous Yom Ha'Shoah and other music programs by Holocaust composers as a soloist and with chamber music quartets at many venues in the Washington-Baltimore area.

WELCOME

Ira Bartfield, JCRC Board member and
JCRC Northern Virginia Holocaust Commission Co-Chair
Dr. Ronald A. Paul, MD,
JCRC President and JCRC Maryland Holocaust Commission CO-Chair

CLERGY REFLECTIONS

Rabbi Neil Tow, Congregation Sha'are Shalom,
Leesburg, Virginia

MEMORIAL TO LOST COMMUNITIES

"Projections of Life: Jewish Life before World War II"

(Steven Spielberg Film and Video Archive,
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Ani Ma'amin - "I Believe" - is based on Maimonides' 13 Articles of Jewish Faith in God and in the coming of the Messiah. It was sung by Jews on their way to their deaths in the camps and is frequently sung today in memory of those who were killed.

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A man with a grey beard and glasses, wearing a dark suit, a purple shirt, and a striped tie, is lighting a candle. He is holding a lit candle in his right hand and a red lighter in his left. The background shows a bookshelf filled with books. The scene is dimly lit, with the candle providing a warm glow.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Introduction by **Albert Bloomfield**,
JCRC Maryland Holocaust
Commission Co-Chair

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ANNUAL RECONFIRMATION OF THE LEGACY OF THE HOLOCAUST

The first World Gathering of American Holocaust Survivors took place in Israel in 1981. Many Holocaust survivors in our local region participated and helped organize a second gathering in Washington, DC shortly thereafter. The oaths below were authored and read by Elie Wiesel (z"l) at the Kotel. This pledge, and those he wrote for children and grandchildren of Survivors, have become part of our shared Jewish legacy, deeply woven into the rituals of this commemoration, and a reminder of our responsibility of *Zachor*, remembrance, throughout the year.

Ruth Cohen recites the pledge.

Ruth Cohen was born on April 26, 1930 to Herman and Bertha Friedman in Mukačevo, Czechoslovakia. In April 1944, Ruth and her family were forced from their home into a ghetto. A month later, Ruth and her family were taken to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Ruth and her sister Teresa were able to stay together, but were separated from the rest of their family. Their mother, brother, and cousins were sent to the gas chambers, while her father was selected for labor. Ruth and Teresa secured jobs at the camp.

In October 1944, Ruth and her sister were sent to a concentration camp in Nuremberg, Germany. Although Ruth was very sick, she was still able to do the work assigned to her. In February 1945, Ruth and Teresa were sent to Holleischen, a subcamp of Flossenbürg concentration camp. Three months later, Ruth and Teresa were liberated.

Ruth and Teresa made their way back to their hometown where they reunited with their father. After a year of recovering in a hospital, Ruth and Herman immigrated to the United States in April 1948, followed by Teresa six months later. The family settled in New York City where Ruth found a job as a cashier for the Educational Alliance. She met Benjamin Cohen there. They married in 1952. They have three children. Today Ruth lives in the Washington, DC area and is a volunteer at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

All Holocaust survivors are invited to stand as they are able and recite together with Ruth:

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 yearzeit 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.**



PLEDGE OF ACCEPTANCE

Accepted by **Yanina Romova**

Lyudmila Romova Micale is an 83-year-old Holocaust survivor from the former Soviet Union. In 1941, she fled Odessa and endured starvation due to Germans barricading the entire city. When her family tried to escape the occupation, the ship her family was on sank, everyone almost drowned, and they lost all their possessions. Mrs. Romova Micale suffered many medical complications as a result of not having the proper nutrition as a child. She married and had a son and a daughter, Yanina. In 1979 she immigrated to the United States, where she has 3 grandchildren. Sadly, one granddaughter passed away at the age of 12. She enjoys being part of the Jewish community and attending JSSA events.

Vil'ya Romov was a Holocaust survivor from the former Soviet Union. His family was the first to evacuate Odessa in 1941 to Ural because his father worked in the factory that produced parts and equipment for the military. They came back to Odessa in 1947. Vilya died at the age of 38 in Odessa, Ukraine, leaving behind his wife, 7-year old Yanina and her 14-year old brother.

All children of survivors are invited to rise as they are able to 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.

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PLEDGE OF CONTINUATION

Jeff Robins recites the pledge in honor of Leo Zusman

Leo Zusman (1911-1988) was a Holocaust survivor from Radom, Poland. He was the only survivor of his immediate family, having lost his mother, wife, daughter, four brothers, and a sister. From what is known, he survived much of the war within the Radom Ghetto and surrounding work camps, likely by making shoes and boots for the Nazis. As the ghetto grew smaller, he was one of over 2,000 Radom Jews sent to Auschwitz in August 1944 - but the group was quickly transferred to Vaihingen/Enz, a subcamp of Natzweiler, just outside Strasbourg, France. There he survived atrocious conditions, hard labor, and disease, and was left for dead with typhus in the face of the allied offensive - until his liberation on April 7, 1945. After a period of quarantine, incredible care from the American Army - including recuperation in a commandeered German castle - he arrived in the United States as a refugee in June 1946.

All grandchildren of survivors are invited to rise as they are able to and join in the reading of the pledge.

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.

EL MALEH RACHAMIM

Chanted by **Rabbi Annie Lewis and Rabbi Yosef Goldman**
Shaare Torah

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, vey'a'mdu 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 God of mercy shelter them in the shelter of God'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.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **JOSIE TRAUM**

Introduced by **Ellen Blalock**, Northern Virginia
Holocaust Commission Co-Chair

Josie Traum survived the Holocaust as a hidden child in Belgium. She was just three years old when her mother made the agonizing decision to send her away with no information about where she would live or who would take care of her. A group of nuns took in Josie and a few other Jewish children to live with Christian orphans. When the nuns learned that German officials were looking for the Jewish children, they smuggled them out at night. Josie was placed with a Christian family in Brussels. She rarely stepped out of doors so that her existence remained secret.

Josie went to Israel on a one year study program after high school. There, she met her husband, Alfred Traum, a Kindertransport survivor from Austria. They now live in Maryland near their children and grandchildren. Josie earned her graduate degree and worked as a social worker with abused children. After her retirement, Josie began to volunteer at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

*“First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a socialist
Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out— because I was not a trade unionist.
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.”*

Martin Niemöller (1892–1984) was a prominent Lutheran pastor in Germany. He emerged as an outspoken public foe of Adolf Hitler and spent the last seven years of Nazi rule in concentration camps.



MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Sviraj Harmoniku” (Play Your Accordion)
composed by Holocaust Survivor, Flory Jagoda
performed by **“Trio Sefardi”**

The lyrics of “Sviraj Harmoniku” describe teenage Flory Jagoda’s feelings when fleeing Zagreb in the summer of 1941, shortly after the Nazi occupation of Yugoslavia. On false papers, without her yellow Jewish star, Flory traveled by train alone to Split. Her parents would meet up with her several days later. They warned her not to talk to anyone and just to play her accordion. Flory did just that with many others singing along including the conductor. In 2010, Flory wrote the song down and taught it to Susan Gaeta and Howard Bass, from Trio Sefardi.

“Trio Sefardi” performs songs they learned from their mentor, Flory Jagoda (1923 – 2021) and from many other Balkan and Turkish Sephardic sources.

HOLOCAUST MOURNERS' KADDISH

Led by **Rabbi Annie Lewis and Rabbi Yosef Goldman**, Shaare Torah

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

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: עוֹשֵׂה
שָׁלוֹם בְּמַחְמוֹת הַשָּׁמַיִם יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

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 **Rabbi Neil Tow**, Congregation Sha'are Shalom

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!

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Ron Halber, Executive Director, JCRC of Greater Washington

HA'TIKVAH

Written by Nafatali H. Imber, Arranged by John Reager

Led by **Rabbi Yosef Goldman**, Shaare Torah, **Rabbi Annie Lewis**, Shaare Torah

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כל עוד בלבב פְּנִימָה

Nefesh Y'hudi homiyah

נֶפֶשׁ יְהוּדֵי הוֹמִיָּה

Ulfa'atei mizrach kadimah

וּלְפָאֵתֵי מִזְרַח, קְדִימָה,

Ayin l'tzion tzofiyah

עֵין לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפִיָּה,

Od lo avdah tikvatenu

עוֹד לֹא אֲבָדָה תִּקְוַתֵּנוּ,

Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim,

הַתִּקְוָה בֵּת שְׁנוֹת אֲלָפִים

Lihyot 'am chofshi b'artzeinu

לְהִיּוֹת עַם חֲפְשֵׁי בְּאַרְצֵנוּ,

Eretz Tziyon vi'rushalayim

אֶרֶץ צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם.

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.

PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DOR L'DOR - CONNECTING YOUTH WITH OUR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Under the direction of Sara Winkelman, the JCRC Director of Education, Programs & Services, the JCRC arranges for Holocaust survivors to speak to over 5,000 students annually in classrooms throughout the Washington Metropolitan area; provides consultative assistance to schools to strengthen Holocaust-related curricula; and, through its Student to Student program, trains Jewish teens to educate their peers about the Holocaust, and about their own families' connections to the Shoah. Special thanks to Sharon Freundel, Bernard Lubran, Gary Reiner, Ellen Blalock, and Johnny Shuchart.

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"UNTO EVERY PERSON THERE IS A NAME"

The Chesapeake Bay Region of B'nai B'rith, 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 individuals lost to the Jewish people by reading as many names as possible.

Coordinated by Deborah Adler and Jeremy Kay.

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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

Each year the JCRC of Greater Washington and the Seaboard Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC) partner to distribute special Yom Ha'Shoah yahrtzeit candles throughout our community. This year we were pleased to reach even more community members through our collaboration with Leisure World; Bender JCC; Edlavitch DC JCC; Pozez JCC; and 3GDC. Many thanks to all of these organizations, and to Bob Watts, who coordinated this project on behalf of FJMC.

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Holocaust Survivor Organizations:

2G's: As time passes, the participation of 2Gs, (survivors' children), and 3Gs (survivors' grandchildren) in the transmission of their families' Holocaust histories will become ever more critical. This year, JCRC created and launched a new workshop to train local 2Gs to share their parents' Holocaust testimonies, and we are already bringing them, and grandchildren from our partners at 3GDC, to speak to students and adults throughout our region. To participate in sharing your family's history, please contact Sara Winkelman at swinkelman@jcouncil.com.

3GDC: As grandchildren of Holocaust survivors, 3GDC constitutes a living memorial, that preserves and honors the legacy of our grandparents through education, advocacy, and community-building.
www.3gdc.org

The Generations After: We are a gathering place for survivors, child survivors, children and grandchildren of the Shoah in the Greater Washington Metropolitan area. Join us for programs on topics of interest, social gatherings, educational projects and social action. We are a multigenerational family that continues the legacy and memory of those impacted by the Shoah. www.genafterdc.com

Holocaust Survivors - The Last Generation: The Holocaust Survivors - The Last Generation is a friendship group of people with similar Holocaust histories as children. The group was formed about 35 years ago when survivors, in general, began to speak of their experiences. It is part of the World Federation of Child Survivors whose Annual Conference is attended by some members of the group.

Kindertransport Association: Kindertransport refers to the nearly 10,000 Holocaust Survivor Children who were rescued by the British government, which waived its immigration laws, in 1938/1939.
www.kindertransport.org

One Thousand Children: One Thousand Children refers to approximately 1400 children who escaped to the US (1934-45), although their entry was initially delayed. www.onethousandchildren.yivo.org

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jssa HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR PROGRAM

JSSA is the only nonprofit organization in the Washington metropolitan area designated by international funding sources to deliver critical safety net services to the men and women in our community who survived the Holocaust.

JSSA's Holocaust Survivor Program helps more than 400 vulnerable Holocaust survivors remain independent, safe, and comfortable by providing:

- Ongoing care management
- Homemaker and personal care assistance
- Financial assistance for food, escorted transportation, medications, medical equipment and minor home modifications
- Pro bono dental, eyeglasses and hearing aid program

Claims Conference money alone has never been sufficient to fully sustain our Holocaust Survivor Program. The Jewish Federation of North America, Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and a variety of other sources have generously supported our program since its inception more than 20 years ago. We are grateful for financial contributions that allow us to continue caring for this aging population and help to restore their dignity and pride.

PROGRAM STATISTICS

JSSA has a 97% success rate keeping survivor clients in their homes and out of institutions

Nearly 97% of JSSA's Holocaust survivor clients require moderate or full assistance with activities of daily living

91% of our survivor caseload came to the U.S. from the former Soviet Union

79% of our caseload is at or below 200% of the federal poverty line

Average survivor client age is 86 years old

Almost 7% of our current caseload is under the age of 80

The oldest survivor in our program is 101 years old

For more information about JSSA's Holocaust Survivor Program, please visit www.jssa.org/survivors

