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ANNUAL HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

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CONGREGATION BETH EL
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OF GREATER WASHINGTON





OPENING MUSIC

“Arvoliko” (Little Tree), composed by Holocaust Survivor Flory Jagoda. Flory’s family, the Altaracs, were murdered in Vlasenica, Bosnia in 1942 by Nazi allies, the Croatian Ustashe. Decades later Flory visited the ravine where all of the village’s Jews including 42 members of her family were massacred. She spotted a small tree nearby and composed this song to memorialize her family’s tragic story.

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

WELCOME

Dr. Ron Paul and **Albert Bloomfield**
Co-Chairs, JCRC Maryland Holocaust Commission

RABBI D’VAR

Rabbi Greg Harris, Senior Rabbi, Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County
Bethesda, Maryland

MEMORIAL VIDEO 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.

Performed by violinist, **Carl Tretter**

CANDLE LIGHTING

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

FIRST CANDLE

Vladimir Frumkin

SECOND CANDLE

Peter Gorog

THIRD CANDLE

Gayle Nadler with
Allison, Aaron and Daryl Nadler

FOURTH CANDLE

Julie Poggioli

FIFTH CANDLE

Julia Grosz

COMMUNITY SIXTH CANDLE

Benjamin Sharoni,
Minister-Counselor for Political Affairs,
Embassy of Israel

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.

Agi Laszlo Geva recites the pledge in memory of her parents, Rozsa and Zoltan Laszlo.

Agi Laszlo Geva was born on June 2, 1930 in Budapest, Hungary. The Germans occupied Hungary on March 19, 1944. Agi, her younger sister, Zsuzsanna, and her mother, Rozsa, survived together through several camps, including Auschwitz-Birkenau, and a death march. On April 28, 1945, US troops liberated them from their march. Agi immigrated to Israel in 1949. She married and had two children. After living there for 53 years, Agi came to the US to live with her daughter. She has volunteered at the Holocaust Museum since 2002.

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

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 *yahrzeit* 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 keimol nit fargesen.**

PLEDGE OF ACCEPTANCE

Accepted by **Shelli Klein** in honor of her mother, Ann Kuperminc,
and in memory of her father, Nathan Kuperminc.

Shelli's parents were born in small towns in Poland. Ann Kuperminc's extended family was murdered in her hometown of Tarnograd. Shelli is researching the deaths of her father's family. Both of her parents survived the war separately and met in a DP camp in Austria afterwards. They were finally able to come to the United States in 1951. Shelli's dad passed away in 2007. Ann is 92 and lives in Florida.

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

Phebe Grau recites the pledge in honor of her grandmother, Helen Grau,
and in memory of her grandparents, Leopold Grau, Berta and Fischel Schachner.

Fischel and Berta Schachner were from neighboring towns of Zolishchyky and Tluste in Galicia, Poland. Surviving various labor camps and ghettos, Fischel helped rescue many families including Berta's. After the war they were married in Italy and began their new life together in Haifa. Leopold and Helen Grau were from the towns of Tluste and Brody in Galicia, Poland. Helen survived underground in the forests and evaded death squads on numerous accounts. She met Leo at the end of the war. They were married in a displaced persons camp in Foehrenwald, Germany, and began their new lives in Brooklyn, NY. Helen celebrated her 100th birthday in 2020.

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 **Hazzan Elisheva Dienstfrey**,
Agudas Achim Congregation

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: **ELISHA WIESEL**

Elisha continues the legacy of his father, Elie, by fighting against antisemitism and bigotry and standing up for persecuted communities. He is committed to Jewish continuity, combating poverty and advocating for opportunity. In the last few years, Elisha has spoken at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum about the need to protect the LGBTQ+ community; shone a light while speaking at Auschwitz on the plight of Syrian refugees being denied Western asylum; written for the Financial Times about the urgency of upholding DACA; and taken his son to peacefully march for Black Lives. Elisha spent 25 years at Goldman Sachs, including as its Chief Information Officer. He serves on several boards including Good Shepherd Services, where he raised millions of dollars for New York's neediest by convening "Midnight Madness", where hundreds of finance professionals stayed up all night solving elaborate puzzles on the city streets.

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.

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HOLOCAUST MOURNERS' KADDISH

Led by **Rabbi Steven Rein**, Agudas Achim Congregation,
with **clergy of the Greater Washington, D.C. community**

Ve-yitpa'ar ve-yitromam Lodz, Lubin, Lublin, Lvov, Lyons	וַיִּתְּפֹאֵר וַיִּתְּרוֹמֵם	Yit-gadal Auschwitz-Birkenau-Buna, Baranovka, Bergen-Belsen	וַיִּתְּגַדֵּל
Ve-yit-naseh, ve-yit-hadar Majdanek, Mauthausen, Minsk, Natzweiler-Struthof, Neuengamme	וַיִּתְּנֶשֶׂא וַיִּתְּהַדָּר	Ve-yit-kadash Belzec, Bialystok, Babi Yar	וַיִּתְּקַדֵּשׁ
Ve-yit-aleh, ve-yit-halal Ohrdruf, Plashov, Papenburg, Ponary	וַיִּתְּעַלֶּה וַיִּתְּהַלֵּל	Shmei raba Bochnia, Bogdanovka, Buchenwald	שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.
Shmei d'kudesha, b'rich Hu, בְּרִיךְ הוּא. Prague, Radom, Ravensbruck, Rehmsdorf, Riga		B'alma divra chir-utei Chelmno, Cracow, Dachau	בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְּרַעוּתָהּ
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		Be-chayei-chon, uv'yomei-chon Dumanovka, Ebensee, Edineti, Flossenburg	בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן
Tus-bechata ve-neche-mata Theresienstadt, Transnistria, Treblinka, Vaivara	תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא	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 וּבִזְמַן קָרִיב,
V'imru Amen.	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:	V'imru Amen.	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
		Ye-hei shmei raba m'vorach L'olam ul'ol-meï alma-ya	יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבֹרָךְ לְעָלָם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמֵינָא:
		Yitbarach ve-yishtabach Kamenets-Podolskiy, Kishiniev, Kovno, Klooga	וַיִּתְּבָרַךְ 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 בִּמְרוֹמָיו וְיַאֲסֵה 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 **Hazzan Elisheva Dienstfrey & Hazzan Asa Fradkin** with Violinist **Carl Tretter**

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, JCRC Executive Director

HA'TIKVAH

Written by Nafatali H. Imber, Arranged by John Reager

Led by **Congregation Beth El Hazzan Asa Fradkin**

with **Sarah Fradkin, Matthew Goldin and Evelyn Goldin**

Kol 'od balevav p'nimah

כל עוד בלבב פְּנִימָה

Nefesh Y'hudi homiyah

נֶפֶשׁ יְהוּדִי הוֹמִיָּה

Ulfa'atei mizrach kadimah

וּלְפָאֵתֵי מִזְרָח, קְדִימָה,

Ayin l'tzion tzofiyah

עֵין לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפִיָּה,

Od lo avdah tikvatenu

עוֹד לֹא אֲבָדָה תִּקְוַתֵּנוּ,

Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim,

הַתִּקְוָה בֶּת שָׁנוֹת אֲלָפִים

Lihyot 'am chofshi b'artzeinu

לִהְיוֹת עַם חֶפְשִׁי 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, Robert Lubran and Janice Rosenblatt.

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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 Barbara Brenman, Jeremy Kay, Marilyn Bargteil and Deborah Adler.

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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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April 11th-18th is JFGW's **Sara & Samuel J. Lessans Good Deeds Week**, which this year will focus on local food insecurity, bringing together 60+ community partners and thousands of participants across the region to fill the shelves of local food pantries and feed those who are hungry.

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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