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2024

# Annual Holocaust Commemoration

Sunday, May 5, 2024 | 27 Nisan



## OPENING MUSIC

“Prayer” is the first of three movements from Baal Shem (From Jewish Life) composed by Ernest Bloch, a well-known Jewish composer and highly regarded violinist (b.1880-d.1959). This movement is reflective, emotionally intense and expressive, written to capture the complex, ardent Jewish spirit and soul. Bloch was born in Geneva, Switzerland and emigrated to the United States in 1916. Performed by violinist **Carl Tretter**.

## WELCOME

**Ronald A. Paul, MD**

Chair, JCRC Maryland Holocaust Commission, JCRC Past President

## D'VAR TORAH

**Rabbi Marc Israel**, Congregation Tikvat Israel  
Rockville, MD

## MEMORIAL TO LOST COMMUNITIES

“Projections of Life: Jewish Life before World War II”

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

Serenade for Violin and Piano was composed by Robert Dauber in 1942 in Theresienstadt (Terezin). He was killed at age 23 on a transport to Auschwitz.

## 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**.





## IN MEMORIAM NESSE GODIN

**Dena Litow Hirsh**, *Board of Directors, The Generations After; Member, JCRC Holocaust Commission*

Nesse Godin was born in Siaulial, Lithuania on March 28, 1928. During the Holocaust, she survived her hometown ghetto, the Stutthof Concentration Camp in Poland, four slave labor camps and a death march. She was 13 when the Nazis invaded Lithuania and 17 when she was liberated by the Soviets. In the many talks she gave, Nesse spoke about the women whose kindness saved her life: “These Jewish women gave me a bite of bread, wrapped my body in straw to keep me warm, picked me up when I was on the ground, helped me up when I was hurt by the guards and gave me hope when I was ready to give up.” In return, they asked this teenage girl to promise that she would remember them and that she would teach the world what hatred, prejudice and indifference can do to humanity.

Nesse never forgot the promise she made to those women and spent her life teaching those lessons to thousands of people in a variety of audiences, including US military academies and government agencies, schools, churches, synagogues, civic groups and the many visitors to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, where she was an active and cherished volunteer. She was one of the founders of the Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Friends of Greater Washington, and with other survivors, she started the local Holocaust commemoration program that continues to this day. Nesse also served on the boards of many Holocaust and other Jewish organizations, and her story has appeared in numerous publications as well as television and radio programs. The list of the many honors and awards she received during her lifetime is simply too long to recount.

Nesse and her beloved late husband Jack immigrated to the United States in 1950, settling in Washington, DC. They raised their family here — daughter Pnina, son Edward or Eddie to Nesse, and daughter Rochelle.



# Candle Lighting

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### FIRST CANDLE

Natalia Ptitsyna, *Survivor*

### SECOND CANDLE

Frank Cohn, *Survivor*

### THIRD CANDLE

Michlean Amir, *2nd Generation*

### FOURTH CANDLE

Nikki Wagschal Korsen, *2nd Generation*

### FIFTH CANDLE

Mark Joseph Stern, *3rd Generation*

### COMMUNITY SIXTH CANDLE

Sawsan Hasson, *Minister for Public Diplomacy  
at the Embassy of Israel to the United States*



# ANNUAL RECONFIRMATION OF THE LEGACY OF THE HOLOCAUST

The first World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors took place in Israel in 1981. Many Holocaust survivors in our local region participated and helped organize a second gathering in Washington, D.C. 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.

## MARSHA TISHLER RECITES THE PLEDGE.

Marsha Tishler, born in Poland during the Shoah, is a child survivor who credits both her parents and a compassionate Ukrainian couple for her life. At the end of the war, she and her parents illegally made their way to a displaced persons camp in Italy, where they remained for four and a half years. Finally, they were allowed to immigrate to the United States when she was seven and a half years old. Mrs. Tishler holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland, College Park and a Master of Liberal Arts degree from Johns Hopkins University. She has taught English at the secondary school and community college levels and at Towson University. For over eight years, she was director of Holocaust Programs at the Baltimore Jewish Council. Retired now, Mrs. Tishler and her husband appreciate being with their children and four grandchildren.

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

**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 keinmol nit fargesen.*



# PLEDGE OF ACCEPTANCE

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### ACCEPTED BY TAMARA MEYER

Tamara Meyer, author, lecturer and publicist is a child of German Jewish Holocaust survivors. For the past 25 years she has been delving into and speaking about her family legacy as well as shining a light on individual and collective stories of survivors of the Holocaust. Tamara has organized events in Germany for Jewish descendants and in the United States for Holocaust survivors, families, educators and dignitaries. She believes in using stories of the Holocaust as an antidote to hate and an opportunity for dialogue and education. As a participant in dialogue groups in Berlin, Germany that included former Nazis, Holocaust survivors and their descendants, Tamara has experienced first-hand both the extraordinary challenge and reward of engaging with those who at another time in history would have been her fiercest enemies. A child of a Kindertransport survivor, Tamara has taught this chapter of the Holocaust to many audiences. As board member and media liaison for the Kindertransport Association, she has placed stories pertaining to this rescue mission in major national/international print media, radio, tv and cable media.

*All second generation children of Holocaust survivors are invited to stand as they are able and recite together with Tamara:*

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 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.



# PLEDGE OF CONTINUATION

ACCEPTED BY ADAM WEISSMANN

Adam Weissmann is an independent speechwriter and strategic-communications consultant who lives in Silver Spring, MD. Since 2018, he has served on the board of directors for 3GDC, the nonprofit organization representing grandchildren of Holocaust survivors in the Greater Washington, DC area. Adam's grandmother Edith was a survivor of Auschwitz, Theresienstadt and Flossenburg; his grandfather Joseph was one of the few to survive from his shtetl of Eishyshok in Poland (now Lithuania) after its Jewish inhabitants were murdered en-masse by death squads organized by the Nazis and composed of Lithuanian nationalists. After marrying and settling in New Jersey in 1952, Edith and Joseph raised three children and later spoke regularly about their experiences to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive for future generations. Adam proudly carries on their work through 3GDC.

*All third generation children of Holocaust survivors are invited to stand as they are able and recite together with Adam:*

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.

# REMEMBRANCE PLEDGE

ACCEPTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF JCRC'S *STUDENT TO STUDENT* PROGRAM: GRETA ANDELMAN, NAVA FRENKEL, ZOE NEUFELD

Recognizing the rise of antisemitism and other forms of hate across the United States and the world, and remembering those who were murdered in the Holocaust.

Believing that the spread of bias and prejudice can be stopped and fought,

Emphasizing that a unique opportunity now exists to reverse this pattern -- I pledge to work to fight hate, bias, violence and discrimination.

I commit to using the lessons of the Holocaust to support justice, tolerance, peace, kindness and compassion.

I commit to living a proud Jewish life, in the memory of the Six Million who did not have that chance, and to preserve our collective Jewish future.

PLEDGE OF CONTINUATION



# EL MALEH RACHAMIM



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**Cantor Jason Kaufman**, Beth El Hebrew Congregation

El maleh rachamim shochan 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, veshanifu 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'amdu 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.**





# MR. PETER GOROG, KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Introduced by **Ellen Blalock, Co-Chair, JCRC Holocaust Commission**

Peter Gorog was born Péter Grünwald in Budapest, the capital of Hungary, on March 10, 1941. Peter's father, Árpád Grünwald, worked as an office manager at the Franklin Publishing House, and his mother, Olga Schönfeld, was a hat-maker. Peter grew up in Communist Hungary and changed his family name in 1962 from Grünwald to Gorog for fear of antisemitic discrimination. He earned a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering and later participated in the design of the first Hungarian-made computer. He defected to the United States in 1980, where he worked on various NASA projects such as GOES, LANDSAT, Hubble and the James Webb Space Telescope. Peter retired in 2014. He and his wife have six daughters and six granddaughters. Peter is a volunteer at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Eili, Eili” written by Hannah Senesh in 1942. Arr. Sherry Benedek.

**Performed by the students of Harmoniah and Shir Madness at CESJDS**

Hannah Senesh was born in Hungary in 1921, emigrated to Palestine and volunteered to serve as a paratrooper to rescue Jews in Europe. Senesh parachuted into Yugoslavia and crossed into Hungary at the height of deportations to Auschwitz. While she stayed with partisans, she was discovered and killed by the Germans in 1944 at the age of 23.



# MOURNERS' KADDISH

## HOLOCAUST MOURNERS' KADDISH

Led by **Rabbi David Spinrad**, Beth El Hebrew Congregation

Yitbarach v'yishtabach	יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח	Yitgadal	יִתְגַּדֵּל
<i>Kamenets-Podolskiy, Kishiniev, Kovno, Klooga</i>		<i>Auschwitz-Birkenau-Buna, Baranovka, Bergen-Belsen</i>	
V'yitpa'ar v'yitromam	וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם	V'yitkadash	וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ
<i>Lodz, Lubin, Lublin, Lvov, Lyons</i>		<i>Belzec, Bialystok, Babi Yar</i>	
V'yitnaseh, v'yithadar	וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר	Sh'mei raba	שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא
<i>Majdanek, Mauthausen, Minsk, Natzweiler-Struthof, Neuengammea</i>		<i>Bochnia, Bogdanovka, Buchenwald</i>	
V'yit'aleh v'yit'halal	וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלַּל	B'alma di-v'ra chirutei	בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְּרֵעוּתָהּ
<i>Ohrdruf, Plashov, Papenburg, Ponary</i>		<i>Chelmno, Cracow, Dachau</i>	
Sh'mei d'kud'sha, b'rich hu	שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא. בְּרִיךְ הוּא	V'yamlich malchutei	וְיַמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ
<i>Prague, Radom, Ravensbruck, Rehmsdorf, Riga</i>		<i>Dakovo, Danica, Dora</i>	
L'eila	לְעֵילָא	B'chayeichon uvyomeichon	בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן
<i>Sachensburg, Sachsenhausen, San Sabba, Shauliai</i>		<i>Dumanovka, Ebensee, Edineti, Flossenbug</i>	
Min-kol-birchata v'shirata	מִן כָּל בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא	Uvchayei d'chol beit yisrael	וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל
<i>Skarzysko-Kamienna, Sobibor</i>		<i>Gross-Rosen, Gunskirchen, Gurs</i>	
Tushb'chata v'nechemata	תִּשְׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא	Ba'agala uvizman kariv	בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב
<i>Theresienstadt, Transnistria, Treblinka, Vaivara</i>		<i>Herzogenbusch, lasi, Jadovno, Kaiserwald</i>	
Da'amiran b'alma	דְאַמְרֵן בְּעֵלְמָא	V'im'ru: "amen."	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן
<i>Vilna, Warsaw, Zemun, Zhitomir</i>		Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varach	יְהִי שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ
V'im'ru: "amen."	וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן	L'alam ul'almei almaya.	לְעֵלָם וּלְעֵלְמֵי עֵלְמַיָּא

Y'hei shlama raba min-sh'maya v'chayim aleinuv'al-kol-yisrael, v'im'ru: "amen."

Oseh shalom bimromav, hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol-yisrael, v'imru: "amen."

יְהִי שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עֲלֵינוּ. וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן

עוֹשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמֵיּוֹ הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵינוּ. 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 **Manny Helzner** accompanied by **Cantor Rochelle Helzner**, Tikvat Israel

*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!*

*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.*

*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!*

*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

**Ronald Halber**, Executive Director, JCRC of Greater Washington



## JOIN US TOMORROW

**Holocaust Remembrance Day:  
Voices of History, Lessons for Today**

Monday, May 6, 2024 | 7:00 pm

Sixth & I, 600 I St NW  
Washington, DC

**Register Here** [bit.ly/3Wq8YKF](https://bit.ly/3Wq8YKF)

HYMN OF THE PARTISANS

# HA'TIKVAH

## HA'TIKVAH

Written by Nafatali H. Imber, Arranged by Sherry Benedek

Led by **Rak Shalom A Cappella**, University of Maryland

Kol od ba'le'vav p'nima

כָּל עוֹד בַּלֵּבב פְּנִימָה

Nefesh yehudi ho'miyah.

נֶפֶשׁ יְהוּדֵי הוֹמִיָּה

U'lefa-atei mizrach kadimah,

וּלְפָאֲתֵי מִזְרַח קְדִימָה

Ayin le'Tziyyon tzofiyah.

עֵין לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפִיָּה

Od lo avda tikva-teinu,

עוֹד לֹא אֲבָדָה תִּקְוַתֵּנוּ

Ha'tikvah bat sh'not al-payim

הַתִּקְוָה בַּת שָׁנוֹת אֲלַפִּים

Lih-yot am chofshi b'ar-tzeinu

לְהִיּוֹת עַם חֹפְשֵׁי בְּאֶרְצֵנוּ

Eretz Tziyyon v'Yerushalayim.

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.





# JCRC'S HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION AND ALL-YEAR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## **DOR L'DOR - CONNECTING OUR YOUTH WITH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS**

JCRC, in collaboration with synagogues throughout Greater Washington, offers intimate opportunities for our Jewish students to hear from and speak with Holocaust survivors and their descendants during the Yorn HaShoah period.

## **HOLOCAUST SPEAKERS BUREAU**

Each year, the JCRC arranges for Holocaust survivors and their descendants to speak to over 10,000 students, educators and others at regional schools, civic groups, government agencies and houses of worship.

## **MAGGID: GENERATIONS OF THE SHOAH**

As time passes and awareness about the Shoah continues to dwindle, especially among young people, the JCRC's Maggid initiative trains the children of survivors (2Gs) to carry on their parents' legacies by sharing their families' Shoah narratives with new generations of students. 39 2Gs have completed the program and are speaking all over Greater Washington as part of our Holocaust Speakers Bureau.

## **STUDENT TO STUDENT**

This anti-bias, anti-bigotry program trains Jewish teens to talk about Judaism to their non-Jewish peers, including how to talk about the Holocaust and their own families' connections to the Shoah. This year alone, Student to Student has reached over 3100 students so far.

## **SUPPORTING SYNAGOGUES & ORGANIZATIONS**

Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation, AIC Washington, DC, Anti-Defamation League, Beit Chaverim of Calvert County, The Beltway VAAD, Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Berman Hebrew Academy, Beth Shalom Congregation and Talmud Torah, Bethesda Jewish Congregation, B'nai Israel Congregation, B'nai Shalom of Olney, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Charles E. Smith Life Communities, Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County, Congregation B'nai Tzedek, Congregation Har Shalom, Congregation Har Tzeon Agudath Achim, Congregation Sha'are Shalom of Waldorf, 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 Social Service Agency, Kemp Mill Synagogue, Kehilat Shalom, Kehilat Pardes - The Rock Creek Synagogue, Keshet Israel - The Georgetown Synagogue, Kol Shalom, Machar, The Washington Congregation for Secular Humanistic Judaism, Mishkan Torah, Or Kodosh Congregation, Operation Understanding DC, Share Tefila Congregation, Share Torah, Silver Spring Jewish Center, Temple Beth Ami, Temple B'nai Shalom, Temple Emanuel, Temple Sinai in DC, Tifereth Israel Congregation, The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Young Israel Ezras Israel of Potomac, Washington Board of Rabbis, Washington Hebrew Congregation and Yad Vashem Names Recovery Project.

# “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. Each year at this time we remember the six million individuals lost to the Jewish people by reading as many of their names as possible.

Coordinated by Deborah Adler and Jeremy Kay.

Special thanks to our student volunteer readers from Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Geshur Jewish Day School, Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy and Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School and to the many state and local elected Officials from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia who also participated. Thanks also to JCRC Program Consultants Janice Rosenblatt in coordinating this year's presentation.

## THE YELLOW CANDLE PROJECT

Each year the JCRC of Greater Washington and the Seaboard Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs partner to distribute special Yom Ha'Shoah yahrtzeit candles throughout our community. We are pleased to collaborate with Leisure World; Bender JCC; Edlavitch DC JCC; Pozez JCC; and 3GDC. Many thanks to all of these organizations, and to Bob Watts for coordinating this project on behalf of FJMC.

## HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR ORGANIZATIONS:

*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 group members.

*One Thousand Children:* One Thousand Children refers to approximately 1400 children who escaped to the US (1934-45). They came by themselves, unaccompanied, despite hindrance and delay of the US Government, leaving their parents behind in Europe. Most of those parents were ultimately murdered by the Nazis.  
[www.onethousandchildren.yivo.org](http://www.onethousandchildren.yivo.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](http://www.genafterdc.com).

*JCRC consults and advocates* with state and local legislators and school administrators to ensure robust Holocaust education throughout our school systems, and to advocate on Holocaust-related legislation.  
[www.jrcouncil.org](http://www.jrcouncil.org).

*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](http://www.kindertransport.org).

*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.  
Contact AJ Siegel, [engage@3gdc.org](mailto:engage@3gdc.org), or [www.3gdc.org](http://www.3gdc.org).



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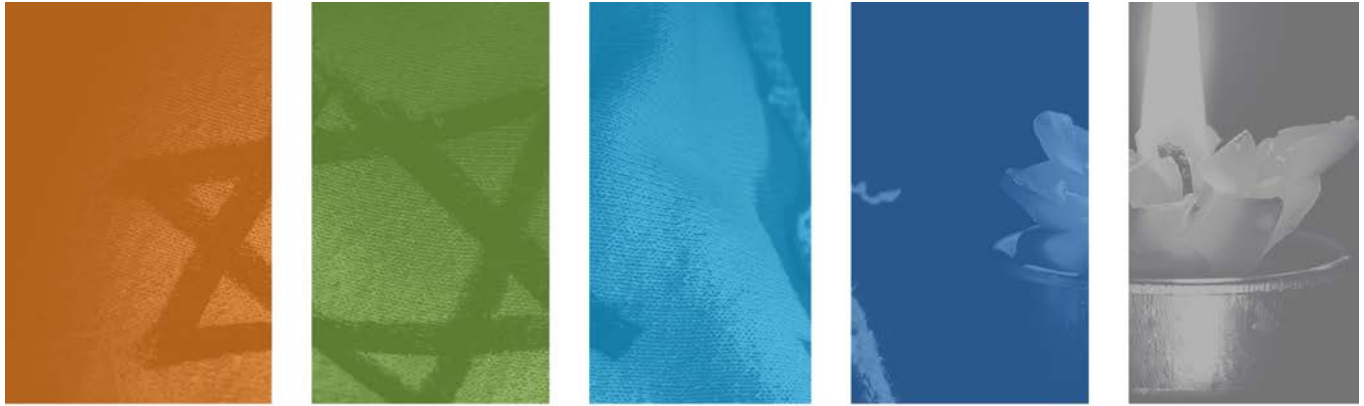
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JSSA's Holocaust Survivor Program helps more than 335 vulnerable Holocaust survivors remain independent, safe, and comfortable by providing:

- 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, advance care planning, 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, The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and a variety of other sources have generously supported our program since its inception more than 30 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.

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**JSSA has a 98% success rate keeping survivor clients in their homes and out of institutions**

**Nearly 99% of JSSA's Holocaust survivor clients require moderate or full assistance with activities of daily living**

**93% of our survivor caseload came to the U.S. from the former Soviet Union**

**77% of our caseload is at or below 200% of the federal poverty line**

**Average survivor client age is 88 years old**

**The oldest survivor in our program is 103 years old**