

L'Dor V'Dor

L'dor v'dor – from generation to generation. In Judaism we embrace our generations. From Torah portions reciting lineages, recalling the names of our ancestors (Avraham, Yitzchak, Yaakov, Sarah, Rivkah, Leah, Rachel) in prayers, and commandments to teach our children, generations are significant.

It is a phrase you hear often, but what does it mean in action? For Temple Shalom, it means our youth are intentionally interacting with their elders, bringing generations together for learning. This happens in multiple ways, but this year we are proud to share with you a special gathering of generations.

Our community-wide Yom HaShoah commemoration includes the partnership of our young students with local Holocaust Survivors. The intentional pairing of a Survivor with students from a younger generation honors both our values of remembering and of l'dor v'dor – from generation to generation.

Bringing these generations together creates a new link in the legacy of our Survivors and gives our students the opportunity to create a new and diverse perspective on the events that have forever shaped our world. They have experienced learning I'dor v'dor - from generation to generation - in a powerful way.

We would like to recognize and give special thanks to the Survivors who participated in this year's program: Carla Benninga, Rosette Gerbosi, G. Michael Eisenstadt, Judit Price and Rob Nossen.

"Flames of Remembrance" is now on display at the Holocaust Museum & Cohen Education Center, on permanent loan from the Frabel Glass Studio in Atlanta, GA. Our thanks to Steven Fischer for facilitating this donation of amazing artwork.



Passing the Legacy

Holocaust Survivors – read by Survivor Suzanne Cohn

WE, the living Survivors, entrust the legacy of the Shoah to you, our children, grandchildren and all those who have come after the fire.

WE WANT you to vow that the sacred memory of our suffering and our martyrdom shall never be scorned or erased.

WE WANT you to recall the heroism of Jewish resistance; remember the shining examples of sacrifice and kindness from the righteous Gentiles.

REMEMBER the racial prejudice and discrimination that led to the Holocaust.

BY NOT FORGETTING, you will pay tribute to those who were destroyed. By not forgetting, you will ensure for those who live, and those who are yet to be born, that we intend never to allow such inhumanity to happen again.

THIS IS THE HERITAGE, we the Survivors, entrust to your custody for safe-keeping for all generations to come.

Viewers: WE ACCEPT the obligation of this legacy.

Second Generation – read by Ida Margolis, Chair of GenShoah SWFL

WE ARE the first generation born after the darkness. Through our parents' memories, words, and silence, we are linked to that annihilated Jewish existence whose echoes permeate our consciousness.

WE DEDICATE this pledge to you our parents, who suffered and survived; to our grandparents, who perished in the flames; to our vanished brothers and sisters, more than one million Jewish children, so brutally murdered; to all six million whose unyielding spiritual and physical resistance, even in the camps and ghettos, exemplifies our people's commitment to life.

Viewers: WE PLEDGE to remember.

Third Generation - Read by Andrea Kalmans, Daughter of Shirley Besikof

WE SHALL TEACH our children to preserve forever that uprooted Jewish spirit which could not be destroyed.

WE SHALL TELL the world of the depths to which humanity can sink, and the heights which were attained, even in hell itself.

WE SHALL FIGHT anti-semitism and all forms of racial hatred by our dedication to freedom throughout the world.

Fourth Generation - Read by Sabrina Kalmans and Hudson Kalmans, Grandchildren of Shirley Besikof

WE AFFIRM our commitment to the State of Israel and to furtherance of Jewish life in our homeland.

Viewers: WE PLEDGE ourselves to the oneness of the Jewish people. WE ARE YOUR CHILDREN! WE ARE HERE!



Rabbi Ariel Boxman of Temple Shalom - Student Video

Temple Shalom 6th and 7th grade students have been studying the Holocaust with their teacher Chad Atkins for the past few months. Through special speakers, a tour of the Holocaust Museum & Cohen Education Center and a meeting with local Survivors, students have gained an invaluable education and experience. Leading up to Yom HaShoah, students have had an opportunity to reflect on their experience and would like to share their thoughts. Please enjoy the following video featuring director, Rabbi Ariel Boxman, and the students of Temple Shalom!

Cantor Donna Azu of Temple Shalom - "ELI ELI"

This song is a poem written by Hungarian Jewish WWII resistance fighter Hannah Senesh. In 1943, she volunteered to go into Nazi-controlled areas to save Jewish lives. In 1944 she parachuted into Yugoslavia. After staying with the partisans, she went to Hungary, where she was discovered and executed by the Germans. She is known for her heroism and her poetry.

ELI, ELI,
Oh God, my God
SHELO YIGAMER LE'OLAM:
I pray that these things never end.
HACHOL VEHAYAM
The sand and the sea

RISHRUSH SHEL HAMAHIM
The rush of the water
BERAK HASHAMAYIM
The crash of the heavens
TEFILAT HA'ADAM.
The prayer of the heart.



Rabbi Ariel Boxman of Temple Shalom - "Eil Maleh Rachamim"

Exalted, compassionate God, grant perfect peace in your sheltering presence, among the holy and the pure, to the souls of all our brethren, men, women, and children of the house of Israel, who perished. May their memory endure, inspiring truth and loyalty in our lives. May their souls thus be bound up in the bond of life. May they rest in peace.

And let us say: AMEN.

Rabbi Adam Miller of Temple Shalom - Candle Lighting

As I light these candles, I vow never to forget the lives of the Jewish men, women, and children who are symbolized by this flame. They were tortured and brutalized by human beings who acted like beasts; their lives were taken in cruelty.

May we be inspired to learn more about our six million brothers and sisters as individuals and as communities, to recall their memory throughout the year, so that they will not suffer a double death.

May we recall not only the terror of their deaths, but also the splendor of their lives.

May the memory of their lives inspire us to hallow our own lives and to live meaningful lives so that we may help to insure that part of who they were shall endure always.



Cantor Donna Azu of Temple Shalom - "Partizaner Song"

ZOG NIT KEYN MOL AZ DU GEYST DEM LETSTN VEG,
Never say that you are on the final road,
KHOTSH HIMLEN BLAYENE FARSHTELN BLOY TEG
Though overhead dark skies of lead may death forbode.
KUMEN VET NOKH UNDZER OYSGEBENKTE SHOThe long awaited hour's surely drawing near,
S'VET A POYK TON UNDZER TROT- MIR ZAYNEN DO!
When with a roar of steps will thunder: We are here!

Rabbi Ammos Chorny of Beth Tikvah of Naples and Rabbi Howard Herman of Reform Synagogue of Naples

Kaddish for the Camps

Today we remember many of those places where our brothers and sisters perished because of man's inhumanity to man. We are grief stricken recalling our brothers and sisters who no longer walk this Earth, cut down, whether in youth or in old age, by the vicious hand of evil. We look at God and to each other to find comfort with the hope that we will be sustained through our sorrow.

VILNA

In testimony to the unbroken faith that has linked generation to generation, we now recite the Mourner's Kaddish.

YITGADAL LODZ V'YIT'KADASH GURS SH'MEI RABAH. WARSAW

B'ALMA DIV'RA CHIRUTEI, BOGDANOVKA V'YAM'LICH MAL'CHUTEI RAVENSBRUCK

B'CHAYEI CHON UV'YOMEICHON

UV'CHAYEI D'CHOL BEIT YISRAEL, TREBLINKA BA'AGALAH UVIZ'MAN KARIV, CHELMNO

V-'IM'RU: AMEN.

Y'HEI SH'MEIH RABAH M'VORACH L'ALAM U'LAL'MEI AL'MAYA.

YIT'BARACH V'YISH'TABACH BELZEC

V'YIT'PA'AR V'YIT'ROMAM BUCHENWALD V'YIT'NASEI V'YIT'HADAR SOBIBOR

V'YIT'ALEH V'YIT'HALAL MAJANEK

SH'MEIH D'KUD'SHA, B'RICH HU, MAUTHAUSEN

L'EILA BABI 'YAR

MIN KOL BIR'CHATA V'SHIRATA BERGEN-BELSEN

TUSH'B'CHATA V'NECHEMATA DACHAU DA'AMIRAN B'ALMA AUSCHWITZ

-V'IMRUA: AMEN.

Y'HEIA SH'LAMA RABA MIN SH'MAYA V'CHAYIM ALEINU V'AL KOL YISRAEL- V'IM'RU: AMEN.

OSEH SHALOM BIM'ROMAV, HU YA'ASEH SHALOM ALEINU V'AL KOL YISRAEL- V'IM'RU: AMEN.

Rabbi Ammos Chorny of Beth Tikvah of Naples - Generations Together...

Memory is critical to Jewish continuity. From Abraham, Moses and the exodus from Egypt to revelation of Torah, and our sacred texts, memory is the foundation of the Jewish community. We are constantly reminded to remember – our history, our ancestors, loved ones no longer with us. We dedicate our holidays and festivals, prayers, and cultural experiences to remembering.

The Ba'al Shem Tov's words grace the exit of Yad Vashem in Jerusalem - "Forgetfulness leads to exile while remembrance is the secret of redemption."

It is fitting, then, that the Holocaust is something we demand our community, and the world, remember. The lives lost, the whole communities changed or lost to us forever, the lives saved, all deserve to be part of our collective memory and words.

Rabbi Mark Gross from Jewish Congregation of Marco Island "Unto Every Person There is a Name" by Zelda

Each of us has a name given by God and given by our parents

Each of us has a name given by our stature and our smile and given by what we wear

Each of us has a name given by the mountains and given by our walls

Each of us has a name given by our sins and given by our longing

Each of us has a name given by the stars and given by our neighbors

Each of us has a name given by our enemies and given by our love

Each of us has a name given by our celebrations and given by our work

Each of us has a name given by the seasons and given by our blindness

Each of us has a name given by the sea and given by our death.



Acknowledging Local Holocaust Survivors

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Mr. Cesare Frustaci

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Mr. Robert Nossen

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Ms. Wendy Rayman

Mrs. Elena Rosen

Ms. Eva Sands

Mr. Paul Simko

Mrs. Fritzi Thorner

Mr. Heinz Wartski

Mr. Max Weisglass

Dr. Ken Wetcher



*If you are a Survivor living in our area who was not listed, please contact the Holocaust Museum & Cohen Education Center. Please forgive the omission.

In Memory of Parents of GenShoah members who were Holocaust Survivors as of April 2021 (Names provided by GenShoah members)

Cipora Brown - Daughter of Sarah and Hirsh Altusky, and niece of Stella Shapiro, the sister of Cipora's mother and a 2nd mother to Cipora.

Felicia Figlarz Anchor - Daughter of Survivors Goldie Aronowitz Figlarz Lodz, Auschwitz, Neuengamme, Bergen-Belsen and Irving Figlarz Czestochowa, Flossenberg, Gross-Rosen, Sachsenhausen, Buchenwald.

Sol Awend - Son of Survivors Dina Aport Awend and Berek Awend

Shirley Besikof - Daughter of Survivors Fela and Max Schulz

Goldie Bertone - Daughter of Dachau Survivor Bella U. Solnik and Auschwitz Survivor Pinkus Solnik.

Suzanne Dubiecki Cohn (Survivor) - Granddaughter of Rivka Kroman (maternal grandmother) and Mordechai Dubiecki (paternal grandfather).

Betsy Dougatz - Daughter of Auschwitz Survivor Kalman Russ.

G. Michael Eisenstadt (Survivor and 2g) - Son of Survivor Edith Lange (Eisenstadt).

Paula Federman - Daughter of Survivors Myra and Ralph Macher.

Steven Fischer - Son of Survivors Dr. Erich Fischer, MD and Liesel F. Rein and grandson of Survivors Julius and Johanna Frensdorf and Josef and Rosa Fischer.

Rene Geist - Daughter of Auschwitz Survivors Brucha and Chaim Kronenberg.

Sam Geist - Son of Survivors Miriam and Yona Geist.

Naomi Goren-Thompson - Daughter of Julian Goren, a child Survivor.

Yvonne Holtzman - Daughter of Survivors Joseph and Fania Guttman.

In Memory of Parents of GenShoah members and Holocaust Survivors cont.

Rolly Jacob - Daughter of Survivors of Vilna Ghetto Philip and Genia (Teitlebaum) Zelmanovith.

Linda Steinhardt Katz - Daughter of Carola Steinhardt Stern, a 4 1/2 year Survivor of the Theresienstadt and Auschwitz concentration camps as well as various Nazi ammunitions factories as forced labor.

Sara Landy - Daughter of Aushwitz Survivors Eizic Ingber and Rosalia Ingber.

Sandy Levine - Daughter of Survivors Clara and Herman Leaf, Sister of Survivor Manny Leaf.

Rochelle Zelcer Lieb - Daughter of Auschwitz Survivors Mayer Zelcer and Marta Zwecher Zelcer.

Vivian Mackey - Daughter of Ruth Gans Ghioldi Zweig and Harry Helmut Zweig.

Ida Margolis - Daughter of Auschwitz Survivors Max Moskowitz and Janet Zuchter Moskowitz.

Stuart Mest - Son of Auschwitz and Dachau Survivors Joel Mest and Toby Mest.

Rochelle Vegh Miller - Daughter of Survivor of Auschwitz-Birkenau, William Vegh.

Judit Price (Survivor and 2g) - Daughter of Survivor of labor camp in Hungary, Alexander Salgo and Survivor Eva Salgo.

Linda Russell - Daughter of Survivors Vera and Louis Heilbrun.

Bonnie Schmidmayer Stein - Daughter of Lilly Steg Schmidmayer (from Ungvar, Hungary) and Michael Schmidmayer (from Transylvania area of Romania).

In Memory of Parents of GenShoah members and Holocaust Survivors cont.

Hadassah Schulman - Daughter of Auschwitz, Ravensbruck, and Bergen Belsen Survivor Mania Kohn Hadas and Buchenwald Survivor Morris Kohn and step-daughter of Survivor Heniek Hadas.

Milan Schwartz - Son of Bertha Schwartz nee Altman and Pesach David Schwartz.

Richard Stein - Son of Anschluss, Kristallnacht, and St. Louis voyage Survivor Eric Stein.

Betty Steiner - Daughter of Freda and Elias Magnus.

Samuel Varsano - Son of Survivor of Auschwitz and Death March to Mauthausen/Ebensee Joseph (Peppo) Varsano and son of Survivor (Hidden Child) Martha (Pinto) Varsano.

Kenneth (Kalman) Wetcher (Survivor and 2g) - Son of Survivors Morris (Moshe) Wetcher and Judith (Yocheved) Wetcher.

Lori Whitmore - Daughter of Peter Whitmore.

Leona Wreschner - Daughter of Rachel Fastman Weiser, Survivor of Plaszow and Auschwitz, and Chaim Weiser, Survivor of Plaszow, Mauthausen, Majdanek, and Warsaw.



The butterfly art was created by Pine Ridge Middle School art students.

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