

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington presents

Yom Ha'Shoah V'Hagvurah

Holocaust Remembrance Day 2017

Displaced Persons: Struggles to Find a Home

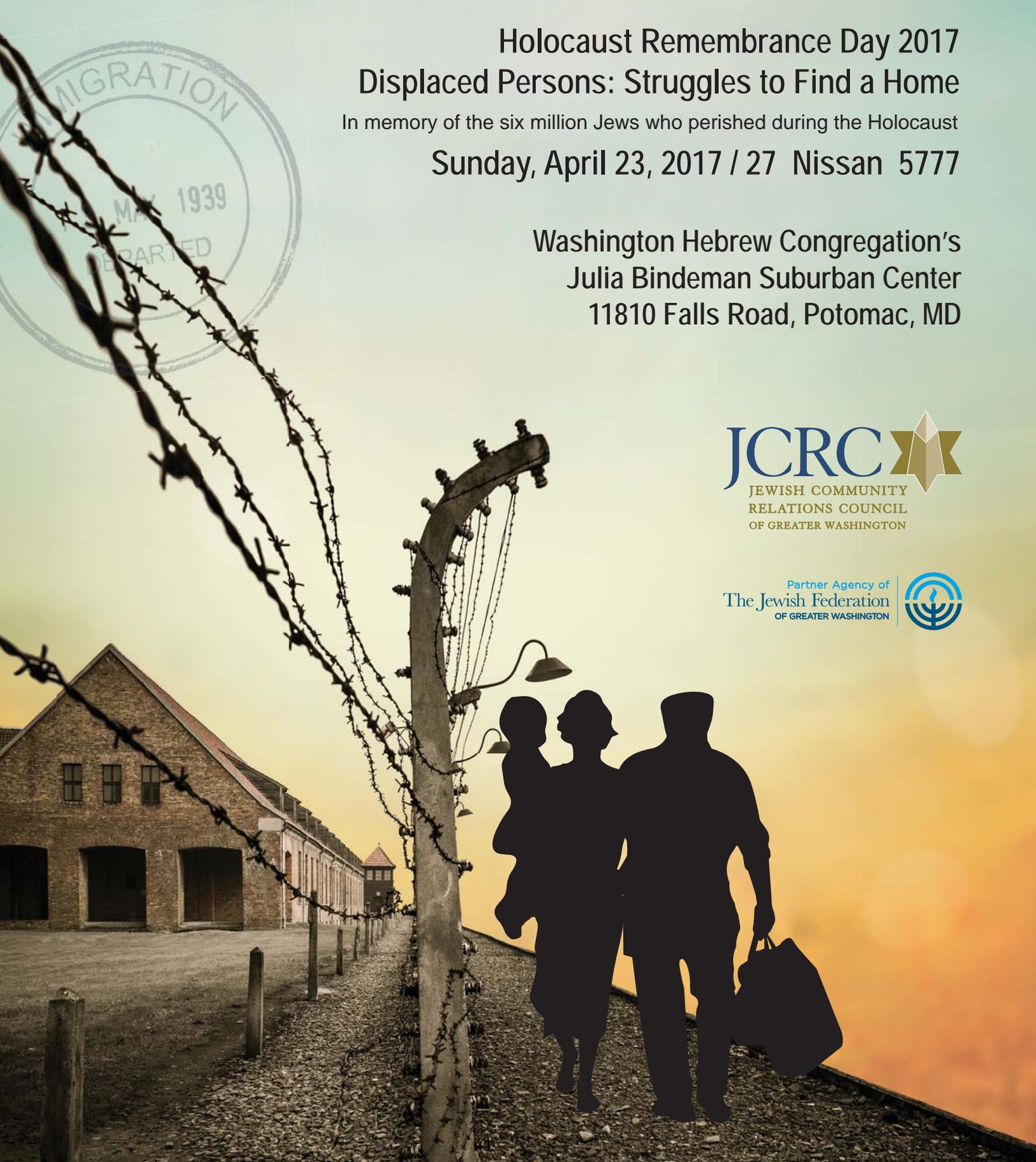
In memory of the six million Jews who perished during the Holocaust

Sunday, April 23, 2017 / 27 Nissan 5777

Washington Hebrew Congregation's

Julia Bindeman Suburban Center

11810 Falls Road, Potomac, MD



NATIONAL ANTHEM

"The Star Spangled Banner" led by Cantors Mikhail Manevich & Susan Bortnick

MEMORIAL TO THE LOST COMMUNITIES

Quartet accompaniment

by H. David Meyers, Oboe; Joyce Rizzolo, Violin; Jeanne Rosenthal, Viola; Carol Burchuk Warden, Cello

The Nazis found collaborators in all corners of Europe to carry out their genocidal mission of destroying all Jewish life on the continent. We remember with somber reflection the vibrant communities that existed and exist no more.

**Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria,
Czechoslovakia, Estonia, France,
Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy,
Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway,
Poland, Romania, Soviet Union,
The Netherlands, Yugoslavia**

CANDLE LIGHTING

From Generation to Generation

The JCRC has organized Holocaust commemorations in partnership with local survivor groups for more than forty years. In recent years it has been part of our tradition to invite families of survivors to join in lighting the candles of remembrance as a declaration that our Jewish community continues and will prosper from generation to generation in forceful defiance of those who wish us harm.

Candle 1

Marsha Tishler, Born in Poland
Alisa Rulnick

Candle 2

Lisa Kraft, Born in Italy
Sonia Beekman
Jason Beekman, Jennifer Beekman

Candle 3

Martin Finkelstein, Born in Poland
Gigi Winters
Lisa Winters

Candle 4

Helen (Kirshner) Schwartz, Born in Poland
Ruth Kummings
Meredith Kummings

Candle 5

Bella Tovey, Born in Poland
Michael Laufer

Candle 6

Community Candle

ANNUAL RECONFIRMATION OF THE LEGACY OF THE HOLOCAUST

written by Elie Wiesel for the first World Gathering of American Holocaust Survivors, Jerusalem, 1981
Handed down from Nessel Godin, World Gathering alumna, to Manny Mandel, "Holocaust Survivors—The Last Generation"
With a remembrance of Elie Wiesel by Rabbi M. Bruce Lustig

The first World Gathering of American Holocaust Survivors took place in Israel in 1981. Thousands strong, they stood together at the Kotel as a human wall of defiance and victory against the fate Hitler's Nazis sought for them. The oaths below were penned and first uttered by Elie Wiesel in that sacred space and time.

All survivors are invited to rise and join in the reading of the pledge.

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 *yarzheit* 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.



THE PLEDGE OF ACCEPTANCE

Accepted by James Smalhout

Child of a Holocaust Survivor

In memory of my father's Dutch family, all of whom died at Auschwitz:

Hyman Smalhout (July 20, 1890 - September 17, 1942); Sara Smalhout-Blok (July 16, 1895 - September 17, 1942); and Henri Smalhout (December 31, 1920 - October 31, 1942). My father, who came to America in 1935, fought in the Battle of the Bulge and served as a special investigator for the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal.

He never forgot his murdered family. Nor will I.

All children of survivors are invited to rise 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.

THE PLEDGE OF CONTINUATION

Accepted by Ilana Weltman

Founding Co-Director, 3GDC

I, whose many family members perished in the Holocaust, have committed myself to serving Holocaust survivors as an "honorary grandchild" by founding 3G and "I Volunteer" groups in my hometowns of DC and Dallas. Today I join with grandchildren of Holocaust survivors. **Grandchildren of Holocaust survivors, please stand with me and read:**

We, who are your grandchildren, will pledge to 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 pass them on to future generations.

THE HOLOCAUST MOURNERS' KADDISH

Recited by Holocaust Survivor Louise Lawrence-Israels and Rabbi Batya Steinlauf, JCRC of Greater Washington;
Rabbi Lyle Fishman, Ohr Kodesh Congregation; Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal, Shaare Torah; Rabbi Baht Weiss, Temple Beth Ami;
and Rabbis M. Bruce Lustig and Susan Shankman, Washington Hebrew Congregation

<p>Ve-yit-aleh, ve-yit-halal Ohrdruf, Plashov, Papenburg, Ponary</p>	<p>ויתעלה ויתהלל אושוויץ-בירקנאו-בונא, ברנובקה, ברגן-בזסן</p>
<p>Shmei d'kudasha, b'rich Hu, Prague, Radom, Ravensbruck, Rehmsdorf, Riga</p>	<p>שמה דקודשא בריך הוא ביזשץ, בילאסטוק, באבי יאר</p>
<p>Le-eyla Sachenburg, Sachsenhausen, San Sabba, Shauliai</p>	<p>לעלא שומה רבא בוכניא, בוגדאנובקה, בוכןוואלד</p>
<p>Min kol birchata v'shirata Skarzysko-Kamienna, Sobibor</p>	<p>מין כל ברכתא ושירתא ב'אלמה דיברא כרעותה שלמנו, קראקא, דאכאוו</p>
<p>Tus-bechata ve-neche-mata Theresienstadt, Transnistria, Treblinka, Vaivara</p>	<p>תשבחתא ונחמתא ו'יאמליך מלכותה דאקאו, דאניקה, דורא</p>
<p>Da-amiran b'alma Vilna, Warsaw, Zemun, Zhitomir and the scores of other camps.</p>	<p>דאמירן בעלמא בחיכון ובימכון דומאנובקה, אבנסע, אדינטי, פלסןבורג</p>
<p>V'imru Amen.</p>	<p>ובחיי דכל בית ישראל גרוס-רוזן, גונסקירכן, גורס</p>
<p>Yehei Shlama raba min shmaya</p>	<p>יהא שלמא רבא מן שמיא בא-אגאלא ו'ביזמן קריב הרצוגןבושך, יאסי, יאדאוונא, קאיסרואלד</p>
<p>Ve-chayim aleinu</p>	<p>והיים עלינו</p>
<p>V'al kol Yisrael</p>	<p>ועל כל ישראל</p>
<p>V'imru Amen.</p>	<p>והיים עלינו</p>
<p>Oseh shalom bim-romav</p>	<p>עשה שלום במרומו</p>
<p>Hu ya-aseh shalom</p>	<p>הוא יעשה שלום</p>
<p>Aleinu ve-al kol Yisrael</p>	<p>עלינו ועל כל ישראל</p>
<p>V'imru Amen.</p>	<p>ויתפאר ויתרומם לודז, לובין, לובלין, ליוון, ליוון</p>
	<p>ויתנשא ויתהדר מאדאנק, מאוטהאוזן, מינסק, נאצוויילער-סטרוטהוף, נענגאממע</p>

EL MALEH RACHAMIM

Recited by Cantor Mikhail Manevich, Washington 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'Europa, shenebergu, shenish'chetu, shenisrefu, veshanisfu al kidush haShem, b'yadey hameratzchim haGermanim ve'ozrehem misha'ar ha'amim. Lachen Ba'al harachamim yastirem b'seter k'nafav le'olamim, v'yitzror bitzror bachayim et nishmotehem. Adonai hu nachalatam, b'Gan Eden t'hey menuchatam, vey'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 German murderers and their assistants from other nations. 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.



Anita (Kuentler) Epstein's Struggles to Find a Home

Introduced by her granddaughter, Lilah Silverman

Anita Epstein was born secretly in the ghetto of Krakow, Poland, on November 18, 1942. When the ghetto was liquidated in March, 1943, three-month-old Anita was drugged, stuffed in a satchel, smuggled out, and hidden with a Krakow family. The family baptized her, as shown in the photo to the left, and began raising her as a Catholic.

Her parents, Salek and Eda Kuentler, were sent first to Plaszów, the camp in the film "Schindler's List." Her father was later killed in Mauthausen, but her mother survived four camps, including Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen. After treatment for typhus, Eda traveled back to Poland and, remarkably, found Anita again.

As the Kielce Pogrom made clear to Jews, their Polish neighbors did not welcome them back. The only home Anita and her mother found was in Germany's American Zone. They moved into the DP camp in Selb, Germany, in the region of Bavaria that was the birthplace of the Nazi party. Jewish Displaced Persons (DPs) there regularly discussed how to find somewhere else to heal their lives. Anita's mother wanted to go to the U.S., but it would take until 1949 before the necessary visas were in place.

Anita and her husband, Noel, are writing Anita's story. They are sharing with us today tales of her time in Selb and how she ended up in New York in late 1949.

It's One, Two, Three

Arr. Sheridan Seyfried

Led by Cantors Mikhail Manevich & Susan Bortnick

Sung by the Community Choir

In the past it was life that beckoned,
A life filled with bright sunny days.
And so one and all without thought or recall went
It's one, two, three, it's one, two, three.
Went gaily their own separate ways.
It's one, two, three, it's one, two, three
Walking to work, time would fly
Every step ringing strong every road has its song
When you know where you're going and why.
Forbidden to us now the side walk,
Though others go at will and free.
And we, you must know, on the stone roadway go,
under whiplash and brutality.
It's one, two, three, it's one, two, three
The roadway is where we pass by.
The step's far from strong, with a difference in song
when you're going without knowing why.
The old people and the young ones
Built lives hoping joy lay ahead
When a sharp sword was hurled,
wiping dreams from the world
And like the poor sheep we were led

It's one, two, three, it's one, two, three
While treated like sheep we stood by,
Where's your child, where's your wife?
Where's the reason for life?
No one knows the wherein or the why.
But brother a new kind of rhythm
Will bring to your ear a new song
and the one, who in fear hid,
afraid to come near
Will be marching with us right along
It's one, two, three, it's one, two, three
The alleys and gateways goodbye!
(2x) Every step ringing strong
Brings a far different song
When you go and you now know the why
Eins, Zwei, Drei!

CHORUS (Ani ma'amim)
Ani ma'amin, I believe,
With reassuring faith, he will come,
The Messiah will come

Keynote Speaker: Marsha (Leikach) Tishler's Struggles to Find a Home

Introduced by her daughter, Alisa Rulnick

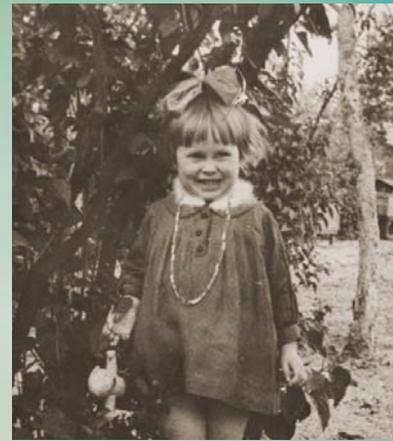
Marsha (Leikach) Tishler was born on May 20, 1942, in the town of Holoby, Poland, a region occupied by Russia from 1939-1941. When she was three months old, her parents were forced to flee into a nearby forest when Germany invaded. The rest of Marsha's extended family was rounded up and forced into the Holoby Ghetto.

To save her life, Marsha's parents, Motel and Zelda, left her on the doorstep of a local farmhouse. Though they knew her identity and the risks they faced, Vaslina and Aleksander Yarmolyuk raised and loved Marsha as their own, thinking her parents were dead.

In the ensuing two years, ten members of Motel's and all twenty-three of Zelda's family were murdered when the ghetto was liquidated. Yet, Zelda held open the hope of being reunited with their lost daughter.

Today, Marsha recounts the story of her return to Zelda and Motel and their journey from Poland to the DP centers in Gratz, Austria, and Cremona and Trani, Italy. It was not until 1949 that they immigrated to the United States.

In the United States, Marsha taught high school English and at Towson University before serving as Director of Holocaust Programs at the Baltimore Jewish Council. Today she enjoys retirement with her husband Sidney, two daughters, their husbands, and four grandchildren. She and her birth parents maintained a life-long friendship with the Yarmolyuks and ensured their recognition in the Garden of the Righteous at Yad Vashem in 1990.



Ani Ma'amin

Arranged by: Max Helfman
Led by Cantors Mikhail Manevich & Susan Bortnick
Sung by the Community Choir

Ani ma'amin B'emuna shlema
B'viat hamasiach
Ani ma'amin.
V'af al pi sheyitnameha,
Im kol zeh, ani ma'amin.

I believe with perfect faith
in the coming of the Messiah.
I believe.
And although He might tarry,
Nevertheless, I believe.

אני מאמין באמונה שלמה
בביאת המשיח אני מאמין
ואף על פי שיתמהמה

*Adapted from one of the Thirteen Articles of Faith written by Rabbi Moses Maimonides. This song was often sung by Holocaust victims on their way to the gas chambers.



Crannough Jones' Struggles to Find a Home

Introduced by her neighbor, Guila Franklin Siegel, JCRC Associate Director

Crannough Jones was a refugee from Liberia, a country fractured by years of conflict under the brutal leadership of warlord Charles Taylor. Taylor served in the Liberian government of his predecessor Sam Doe, but was removed from office for embezzlement in the early 1980s. After his removal, Taylor trained with Libya's Muammar Gaddafi to lead a guerilla insurrection that would result in Doe's execution and leave Taylor as one of the most powerful warlords in Liberia.

Crannough's father, Roland, had once served as Commissioner of Customs for the Ministry of Finance. When Taylor's rebel forces arrived at the capital in May, 1989, Roland fled with his wife, Patricia, and daughters, Crannough and Carmen, for refuge at the missionary non-profit, Eternal Love Winning Africa (ELWA). When the rebels came, the women were forced to flee on foot along with thousands of others from the ELWA refuge site. They never saw Roland alive again.

Patricia, Crannough, and Carmen traveled through dense forests and stayed with relatives in another part of the city prior to escaping the country to live with relatives in Sierra Leone.



Patricia, who had traveled frequently to the United States for work, began rising each morning at 4am to stand in line at the U.S. Embassy in Sierra Leone with the hope of securing a U.S. visa. Patricia was able to bribe an Embassy worker and obtain a visa for herself and the girls. They arrived in New York after about 2 years living in Sierra Leone as refugees. In the United States, Crannough and her sister Carmen finished high school, college, and graduate school and have successful professional careers in the D.C. area. Patricia works as a secretary at the Charles E. Smith Life Communities.

The Dove Family (“Die Tauben”)

By Herman Taube, Read by Rita Rubinstein

Reader:

We are just common pigeons, a native European species. There lives in us a touch of the wild “morning doves” from which we descended thousands of years ago. We learned to persevere around humans, adapting ourselves to their ways of life.

Participants:

We scattered around the globe, searching for a peaceful nest for our little squabs. Human predators greeted us with scorn, accusing us of harboring parasites, spreading “parrot fever” and other fatal diseases. They used Zyklon gas and DDT to poison us.

Reader:

People still use plastic stakes and swastikas, they burn crosses around our nests to scare us away. But we are not distracted by their tactics. Once endangered by the Flood in Noah’s era and by the Holocaust, we learned to fly high and survive.



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 Cantors Mikhail Manevich & Susan Bortnick

Zog Nit Keyn Mol!

CHORUS:

*Zog nit keynmol az du geyst dem letstn veg,
Chotsh himlen blayene farshteln bloye teg;
Kumen vet noch undzer oysgebenktesho,
S'vet a poyk ton undzer trot: mir zenen do!*

*Es vet di morgunzun bagildn undz dem haynt,
Un der nekhtn vet farshvindn mint faynd,
Nor oyb farzamen vet di zun in dem kayor-
Vi a parol zol geyn dos lid fun dor tsu dor.
Dos lid geshribn iz mit blut un nit mit blay,
S'iz nit keyn lidl fun a foygl af der fray.
Dos hot a folk tsvishn falndike vent
Dos lid gezungen mit naganes in di hent!*

*CHORUS: Never say that you are going your last way,
though lead-filled skies above blot out the blue of day.
The hour for which we long will certainly appear.
The earth shall thunder beneath our tread
that WE ARE HERE!*

*The early morning sun will brighten our day,
and yesterday with our foe will fade away.
But if the sun delays & in the east remains
this song as password generations must maintain.*

*This song was written with our blood and not with lead.
It's not a little tune that birds sing overhead,
this song a people sang amid collapsing walls,
with grenades in hands they heeded to the call.*

Closing Remarks & Acknowledgements

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Ha'Tikvah

Composed by N.H. Imber

Led by Cantors Mikhail Manevich, Cantor Susan Bortnick & the Community Choir

Kol 'od balevav p'nimah	כָּל עוֹד בַּלֵּבב פְּנִימָה
Nefesh Y'hudi homiyah	נֶפֶשׁ יְהוּדִי הוֹמִיָּה
Ulfa'atei mizrach kadimah	וּלְפָאֵתֵי מִזְרַח, קְדִימָה
Ayin l'tzion tzofiyah	עֵינַי לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפִיָּה
Od lo avdah tikvatenu	עוֹד לֹא אֶבְדָּה תִּקְוַתֵּנוּ
Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim,	הַתִּקְוָה בַּת שָׁנוֹת אַלְפִּים,
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.



Learning More About Displaced Persons & Resources to Help

Refugees are those who have been forced to leave their home and/or country because of war, danger, persecution, or natural disaster. This definition was developed in the aftermath of the World War II, the most vast humanitarian disaster the world had ever faced. New treaties were signed and are still in place today to provide an international framework for addressing refugee needs. Many agencies were created or strengthened to help these people and while the path was hard, as we learned today, most did find new homes. But, as we also learned today, the problem not only still exists, it has grown and now surpasses the magnitude of the 1940's challenge. There are more than 65 million refugees today, about 1 out of every 113 people on Earth according to the UN Human Rights Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Here are some of the organizations that are addressing this need locally and internationally:

HIAS, formerly the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, (www.hias.org) is the world's oldest refugee organization. From the 1880's through the Holocaust and the liberation of Soviet Jewry, HIAS helped endangered refugees find homes because THEY were Jews. Today HIAS' assistance is available to refugees of all faiths because WE are Jews. HIAS is the leading voice in the American Jewish community on refugee support. Visit: <http://www.hias.org/resources> for a multitude of ideas on how congregations and communities can help.

Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (www.lssnca.org) along with HIAS is one of 9 refugee resettlement agencies authorized to assist the U.S. State Department with refugee resettlement. LSSNCA is a direct service provider for refugees in our region having resettled more than 1,000 in the previous year. LSSNCA welcomes donations and volunteers to assist as mentors.

The **Jewish Social Service Agency**: JSSA (www.jssa.org) has an enduring shared commitment to care for and provide safety net services to frail, poor and ill Holocaust survivors residing in our community. JSSA's Holocaust Survivor Program is supported through grants and donations. To learn more, visit: <https://www.jssa.org/get-help/holocaust-survivor-services/>.

The **American Civil Liberties Union**: ACLU (www.aclu.org) stands in defense of the Constitutional rights of all Americans and individuals living in the U.S., including fundamental anti-discrimination protections. Accordingly, the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project is dedicated to protecting the rights of immigrants, documented and undocumented. Resources can be found at <https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights>.

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide (www.ushmm.org/confront-genocide) is charged with alerting policy makers to groups at risk for genocide and to work to halt acts of genocide or related crimes against humanity. Sign up to receive their newsletters and learn about "communities in action," that are taking important actions to raise awareness.

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Supporting Synagogues & Organizations

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"Unto Every Person There is a Name"

The Chesapeake Bay Region of B'nai B'rith, in conjunction with the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum 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 millions of individuals lost to the Jewish people by reading as many names as possible. Led by Chair **Jeremy Kay, Jack Ventura, and Marilyn Bargteil**.

Community Choir

Community Choir Directors **Washington Hebrew Congregation's (WHC) Cantor Mikhail Manevich & Susan Bortnick**, accompanist **David Lang**; **WHC Singers**: **Barbara Alterowitz, Ellen Barth, Michael Barth, Gale Becker, Joan Bush, Shelly Gottlieb, Allen Hanenbaum, Marcia Inasi, Doris Kraemer, Roslyn Lang, Robert Nath, Eileen Polinger, Sondra Snyder, Anita Solomon, Barbara Stein, Ilene Taylor, Yan Yu, Temple Shalom, Cantor Lisa Levine: Dara Kessler, Dan Sonenshine, Helen Sonenshine, Tikvat Israel Congregation, Cantor Rochelle Helzner: Dan Black, Beth Smith, Susan Urban.**

Montgomery College Portraits of Life Art Exhibit & Other Arts & Artifacts

Thank you **Professor Ken Jassie**, Coordinator of the exhibit and Art Professor at Montgomery College, for bringing "Portraits of Life," which includes biographies of over 30 Holocaust survivors in our region. Thanks to Volunteer Exhibits Director **Sonia Beekman** for arranging the display of art & survivor artifacts and **Marsha Tishler** for assisting with the DP Camps displays.

Jewish Social Service Agency

The Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) provides Holocaust survivors in our region with critical safety-net services. We thank them for all their efforts.

The Yad Vashem & U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Names Recovery Projects

Thank you to **Jonina Duker** for organizing the Yad Vashem Names Recovery Project at this year's commemoration and **Jaime Mollnor** of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum for hosting their display. 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 and acknowledge martyrs and survivors of the Holocaust.

The Yellow Candle Project

Thank you to **Bruce Gordon & Thomas Loggie** for coordinating the Yellow Candle Project on behalf of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

Thank You

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