

YOM HASHOAH

May 1-2, 2019



Light a yellow candle
to remember those who perished.

NEVER AGAIN! *"To forget would not only be dangerous but offensive, to forget the dead would be akin to killing them a second time...Not only are we responsible for the memories of the dead, we are responsible for what we are doing with these memories. For the dead and the living we must bear witness."*

- Holocaust Survivor Elie Wiesel

Seventy-four years have passed since the Nazi concentration camps were liberated and the Holocaust that claimed the six million Jewish lives came to an end. To ensure that the six million did not die in vain and that the Holocaust never happens again, Temple Beth El Israel once again will join Jews throughout the United States and around the world by participating in the **Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Holocaust Commemoration** to keep alive the memories of the Six Million who perished.

The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle is modeled after a traditional Jewish Yahrzeit memorial candle that burns for 24 hours during periods of mourning. The wax reminds us of the yellow arm bands that Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi regime.

As the years pass, the memories of those who were victims in this ultimate hate crime must not diminish. We encourage your family to light a yellow candle after sundown on **Wednesday, May 1, 2019**, the start of Holocaust Remembrance Day and join as thousands of families light their Yom HaShoah candles. This action will continue to increase the awareness of the Holocaust and help perpetuate our commitment to our people—particularly, since recently, with the marked increase of anti-Semitism.

The memory is important! The number of Holocaust survivors is rapidly diminishing with each passing day. As we lose this precious link, those who deny that the Holocaust happened gain strength. Sadly, a study conducted last year reported that 22 percent of millennials (23 to 38 years old) say they haven't even heard of the Holocaust.

Temple Beth El Israel Brotherhood will mail a Yom HaShoah yellow candle to each Temple family. Please join us in lighting this candle in memory of our six million brothers and sisters who perished. In addition, we encourage you to attend our Holocaust Memorial Yizkor Service led by Rabbi Benson on **Friday, May 3, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.** Please mark your calendar and save the date.

Thank you for your participation.

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