

YOM HASHOAH



April 20-21, 2020



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-five years have passed since the last Nazi concentration camps were liberated and the Holocaust that claimed six million Jewish lives came to an end. To ensure that they 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 **Monday, April 20, 2020**, the start of Holocaust Remembrance Day, and join with thousands of other families lighting their Yom HaShoah candles. This action will increase awareness of the Holocaust and help perpetuate our commitment to our people—particularly as a response to the recent marked increase of anti-Semitism.

The memory is important! The number of Holocaust survivors is diminishing with each passing day. As we lose this precious link, those who deny that the Holocaust happened gain strength. Sadly, a study conducted in 2018 found that 22 percent of millennials (23 to 38 years old) say they haven't even heard of the Holocaust.

The Temple Beth El Israel Brotherhood is mailing a Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle to each temple family. Please join us in lighting this candle in memory of our six million men, women, and children who perished. In addition, we encourage you to attend our **Holocaust Memorial Yizkor Service** led by Rabbi Benson on **Friday, April 24, 2020, at 7:30 p.m.** Please mark your calendar and save the date.

Thank you for your participation.

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