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## American Gathering Of Jewish Holocaust Survivors

# INAUGURAL ASSEMBLY

Philadelphia, PA  
APRIL 21-22, 1985



40th Anniversary  
Of Our Liberation



Dear Friends:

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the Inaugural Assembly of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, which will take place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 21-22, 1985.

Survivors and their families from all over the nation will gather in Philadelphia for a historic event, commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Liberation and marking the founding, Inaugural Meeting of the American Gathering.

Outstanding national and international personalities will join us in an exciting and meaningful program of remembrance and commitment to our collective legacy, proclaimed at both the Jerusalem and Washington unforgettable gatherings. Together we shall plan our future activities and projects.

You owe it to yourself to participate in this assembly and help us shape the national movement of Holocaust Survivors and to develop and advance its goals and objectives.

Please transmit this information to your friends and all Holocaust survivors and members of the Second Generation in your area.

***It is our obligation to stand together  
and to remember together!***

## 1945-1985: 40 Years After...

40 years have passed since the Holocaust. Survivors have gathered in Jerusalem and Washington to remember, to commemorate, and to proclaim the legacy of the Holocaust and our experience. Stimulated by these historic events, survivor groups have intensified their activities throughout the United States and Canada. As a direct result of these two events the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors has become an effective national movement with a purpose and a meaningful program. The American Gathering has assumed the responsibility of shaping the collective legacy of the survivors, giving a practical expression to its manifold objectives.

Presently, the most important task of the American Gathering is to help establish the National Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and to support all Holocaust centers throughout the country.

Of paramount importance to our work is the National Register containing some 50,000 names of survivors and appropriate data. The Register is an invaluable documentation instrument of the survivors story of regeneration and rebirth.

In addition, the American Gathering is engaged in an ongoing program of activities such as:

- Regional meetings in the United States and Canada
- Stimulating local activities throughout the country
- Strengthening the links of the survivors with the general Jewish community and their participation in Jewish communal affairs
- Publication of the proceedings of the 1983 gathering in Washington, as a sequel to the already published monumental volume on the Jerusalem gathering
- Planning and promoting nationally the forthcoming 1985 exhibit on the survivors now in preparation at the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora
- Television and multi-media programs on survivors and the American Gathering
- Cooperation with the Justice Department in bringing Nazi war criminals to justice
- Promoting oral history projects of survivors testimonies
- Cooperation with and support for Yad Vashem, the central memorial authority of the Holocaust in Jerusalem
- Active involvement of the survivors in all aspects of our activities, in support of the State of Israel, Soviet Jewry, and the struggle against anti-Semitism.

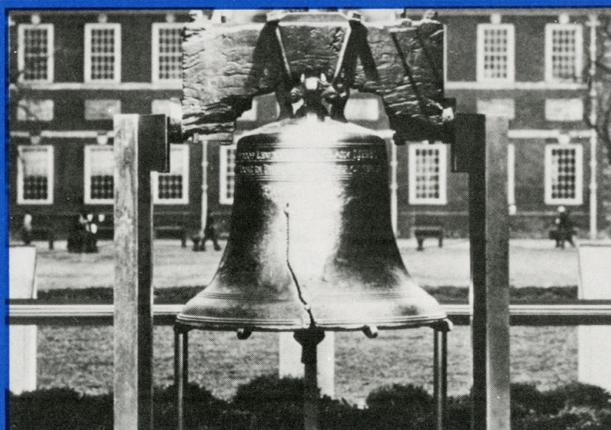
To accomplish all this we must create a viable, active united movement and this is where you come in. We need your participation, your involvement, your ideas, your support. Join us in Philadelphia for our Inaugural Assembly this coming April.



Jerusalem 1981 — Holocaust Survivors Gather at the Kotel



Washington 1983 — Gathering of Survivors at Capitol Building



Philadelphia 1985 — Independence Hall, 40th Anniversary of Liberation

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PLANNED EVENTS

- Ceremonies at the monument to the six million Jewish martyrs of the Holocaust.
- Ceremony at Independence Hall, site of the signing of the Constitution of the United States.
- Liberation Dinner — dedicated to the 40th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps.
- Art Exhibition and Organizational Displays.
- Cultural Event.
- Second Generation Program.
- Programs devoted to:
  - Solidarity with the State of Israel
  - U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.
  - Holocaust Centers throughout the Nation
  - National Register
  - Oral History — Videotaping
  - Prosecution of Nazi War Criminals
  - Imperiled Jewish Communities
  - Anti-Semitism

- Agenda for Action
- Presentation of Bylaws
- Organizational Directions
- Installation of Officers and the National Executive Committee
- Reception for delegates hosted by the Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors of Philadelphia.

The complete and final program of events is now in preparation, and will be available in the near future.

## Travel & Accommodations

Very soon, we will send you details about special travel arrangements for the Philadelphia Assembly. We are now negotiating reduced hotel rates and convention train and air fares from many major U.S. cities to Philadelphia, so that you can travel conveniently and economically.

Travel packages will include hotels in various price ranges, train or air transportation, transfers and other services. In addition, a nationwide, toll-free telephone number will be available for making reservations.

## How to Register

We have reserved the largest facility in Philadelphia, the Civic Center, for our April, 1985 Gathering, but seating for all major events will be on a first-come, first-served basis. We urge you to register early, as we look forward to a massive response.

In order to register yourself and your family for the Inaugural Assembly, please complete the attached reservation application and return it to our New York office with your registration fee.

## Registration Fee

The registration fee is \$75.00 per person or \$125.00 per couple. Children of survivors may register at the reduced fee of \$50.00 per person or \$75.00 per couple.

Your registration fee includes admission to all events and shuttle transportation from hotel to the site of the Inaugural Assembly.

NOTE: AMERICAN GATHERING OF JEWISH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS IS A REGISTERED TAX EXEMPT, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.

# American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors

## REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE FILL OUT THE SPACES BELOW:

Yes, I want to attend the Inaugural Assembly of the  
American Gathering in Philadelphia.

PLEASE PRINT CAREFULLY

Use Separate Line for Each Person

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Survivor  Second Generation  Spouse of Survivor

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Survivor  Second Generation  Spouse of Survivor

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Survivor  Second Generation  Spouse of Survivor

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers:

Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Business ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make out checks to American Gathering of Jewish  
Holocaust Survivors.

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am /  I am not registered in the National Register.

Check here if interested in free lodging in a  
private home

Indicate if Kosher

### NOTE ON REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee is not connected with travel or hotels.  
Its purpose is to contribute to the cost of the Assembly  
itself.

I regret that I cannot participate but wish to enclose  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help defray the costs of the Assembly.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

After completing this form, detach and mail with your  
check to:

American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors  
122 West 30 Street  
New York, N.Y. 10001



*One of the first monuments for the six million  
Jewish Martyrs erected in Philadelphia, 1964.  
(Sculpture by Nathan Rapaport)*



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
W. WILSON GOODE  
MAYOR

September 14, 1984

Dear Friends:

The people of Philadelphia eagerly look forward to hosting the Inaugural Assembly of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors on April 21 - 22, 1985.

Philadelphia is a City imbued with American history dating back to before the Revolution when we shed our first blood as a nation seeking freedom in a new world. From the Liberty Bell to Independence Hall, one can still sense the echo of the struggle for liberty, and it is therefore fitting that you, the Survivors of the Holocaust, should meet in our great City for your Inaugural Assembly.

You come from many places and you have found a warm safe home in this great country. Our City is also made up of diverse cultures and peoples. And so, your presence in Philadelphia has a special meaning.

We appreciate the contributions that the Survivors and the Jewish community have made to Philadelphia, and your meeting here is truly appropriate. We are delighted that you have chosen our City, and I know I speak for all the people of Philadelphia in extending to you the warmest of welcomes. I know you will find our citizens generous and open-hearted.

On behalf of the City of Philadelphia, I look forward to greeting all of you personally.

Sincerely,

W. WILSON GOODE  
MAYOR



Convention Hall in Philadelphia,  
site of 1985 Assembly