

**RHODE ISLAND INTERFAITH  
COMMEMORATION OF  
YOM HASHOAH v'HaGEVURAH  
HOLOCAUST AND HEROISM  
MEMORIAL DAY**

**Wednesday, April 26, 1995 - 27 Nisan 5755**

**7:00 p.m.**



Caudles  
"7" when

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Temple Emanu-El  
Corner of Morris & Sessions Streets  
Providence, Rhode Island





YOM HASHOAH SERVICE

APRIL 26, 1995

"Liberation - 50 Years Later"

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:  
SONG OF THE PARTISANS  
"ZOG NIT KEINMOL"

Cantor Brian J. Mayer  
Temple Emanu-El

Hirsch Glick, author

O do not say "This path I tread shall be my

last." Al-though the light of day by clouds is o - ver -

cast, the dawn we've wait - ed for so long will yet ap -

pear and our foot - steps still will thun - der, "We are

here!" foot - steps still will thun - der, "We are here!"

"ZOG NIT KEINMOL"

Zog nit keinmol  
Az du geyst dem letztn veg,  
Ven himlen bla-yene  
Farsteln boye teg,  
Veyl kumen vet noch  
Undzer oisgebenkte sho,  
S'vet a poyk ton  
Undzer trot: Mir zeynen do!

זאג ניט קיינמאל,  
אז דו גייסט דעם לעצטן וועג,  
וען הימלען בלייענע  
פארשטעלן בלויזע טעג,  
ווייל קומען וועט נאך  
אונדזער אויסגעבענקטע שעה,  
ס'וועט א פויק טאן  
אונדזער טראם: מיר זיינען דא!

1. Oh do not say "This path I tread shall be my last."  
Although the light of day by clouds is overcast  
The dawn we've waited for so long will yet appear  
And our footsteps still will thunder, "We are here!"

2. From land of palm tree, and from land of ice and snow  
Through trial and terror, on our secret way we go.  
And every drop of blood we lose will join a stream  
Infusing courage to keep fighting for a dream.

3. Our folk shall soon behold the early morning light,  
The evil yesterdays will vanish with the night,  
But if the sun should rise too late for us to see  
Our song will yet be sung by people who are free.

4. The song was writ in blood and lead, it never dies,  
The song a bird of freedom carols as it flies,  
"Arise and sing with me," triumphantly it calls  
Amid an avalanche of crumbling ghetto walls.

5. So do not say "This path I tread shall be my last."  
Although the light of day by clouds is overcast  
The dawn we've waited for so long will yet appear  
And our footsteps still will thunder, "We are here!"

**CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY:**

Third generation survivors will place candles in memory of their relatives, in memory of The Six Million; a seventh candle will be lit in memory of the Righteous Men and Women of All Nations by a grandson of an American Liberator.

**First Candle:**

Gordon Liss  
Temple Emanu-El  
3rd Generation Survivor

I light a candle for the first million. How does one imagine a million people? But each one was one like us... and each one was gassed because he or she was a Jew.

**Second Candle:**

Bethany Trachtenberg  
Temple Emanu-El  
3rd Generation Survivor

I light a candle for the second million. There were doctors and judges and teachers... and there were tailors and painters and carpenters, and each was shot because he or she was a Jew.



**Third Candle:**

Sarah Birch  
Temple Beth-El  
3rd Generation Survivor

I light a candle for the third million. Each spoke in a language we would not understand, but in each heart was the same faith and the same hope that every Jew carries with him or her... but each was suffocated because he or she was a Jew.

**Fourth Candle:**

Shana and Sandy Schneider  
Temple Emanu-El  
3rd Generation Survivors

I light a candle for the fourth million. A million little children, many of them only babies, some of them born under the smoke of the ovens. Each was burned because he or she was a Jew.

**Fifth Candle:**

Alan Miller  
Temple Emanu-El  
3rd Generation Survivor

I light a candle for the fifth million. The entire world knew, but the entire world did nothing. The entire world turned its face away as each was burned because he or she was a Jew.

**Sixth Candle:**

Daniel and Aaron Abrams  
Temple Emanu-el  
3rd Generation Survivors

I light a candle for the six million. With pride in my Jewish heritage, with passion for six million I never knew. I vow never to forget that they died only because they were Jews... and that Judaism, with my help shall never die.

**Seventh Candle:**

Dana Graves  
St. Luke's Church, E. Greenwich, RI  
Grandson of Joseph Gregson,  
American Liberator

I light a candle for the 5 million others who died, non-Jews but righteous men and women who tried to help; also people who were Gypsies or homosexual or disabled or retarded. I lift up our hope and self-dedication that such atrocities shall never happen again.

**IRONY: FIFTY YEARS LATER**

Isn't it ironic

that in the remembrance of the Holocaust fifty years later it has become one of the most painful and sensitive places where Christians and Jews come together.

Isn't it a blessing

that from the depths of intolerance, hatred and murder, Jews and Christians can speak honestly and truthfully about our painful past.

Isn't it ironic

that in the remembrance of the Holocaust fifty years later Christians and Jews are together remembering those who have been separated from them by death.

Isn't it a blessing

that our memories of dark times past have motivated us to work for a brighter tomorrow.

Isn't it ironic

that in the remembrance of the Holocaust fifty years later Christians speak out but remember with pain their silence in the past.

Isn't it a blessing

that Jews and Christians can acknowledge old fears yet learn to trust one another as we come together with understanding and mutual respect.

Isn't it ironic

that in the remembrance of the Holocaust fifty years later Christians and Jews sit side by side in a Jewish Temple ... both remembering the "night of broken glass."

Isn't it a blessing

that we are able to learn from one another, while remaining true to our respective roots and traditions.

Isn't it ironic

that in the remembrance of the Holocaust fifty years later Christian and Jews sit side by side and both remember the yellow star and the ghetto

Isn't it a blessing

that in this land of freedom, we are committed to insuring that all human beings can experience the freedom, dignity and equality to which they are entitled.

Isn't it ironic

that in the remembrance of the Holocaust fifty years later Christians read with, sing with, listen to the scriptures with, and laugh and cry with Jews..but remember the "teaching of contempt."

Isn't it a blessing

that in our being together we have accomplished what was unthinkable, even anathema, in Europe fifty years ago.



Isn't it ironic

that in the remembrance of the Holocaust fifty years later  
Christians and Jews sit side by side remembering the pogroms,  
the transports, the selections..but both listening to and speaking  
the Ani Ma-amin.

Isn't it a blessing

that our faith in God and our hope for the elevation of the  
moral condition of humanity sustains us and enables us to take  
the steps we must, to make God's reign of peace more apparent  
in the world during our lifetimes.

Isn't it ironic ...

Isn't it a blessing ...

Isn't it a challenge ...

**LETTER FROM RABBI BOHNEN  
TO HIS WIFE ELEANOR...**

Judith Bohnen Levitt  
daughter of Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen

*...the experience I had upon visiting the concentration camp of Dachau. You must have seen articles about it in the paper, but nothing you can put in words would adequately describe what I saw there. The human mind refuses to believe what the eyes see. All the stories of Nazi horror are under-estimated rather than exaggerated. We saw freight cars with bodies in them. These bodies were skeletons with skin on them. The people had been transported from one camp to another and it had taken about a month for the train to make the trip. In all that time, they had not been fed. They were lying in grotesque positions, just as they had died. Many were naked, others in thin clothing. But all were horrible.*

*We entered the camp itself and saw the living. The Jews were the worst off. Many of them looked worse than the dead. They cried as they saw us. I spoke to a large group of Jews. I don't remember what I said, I was under such a mental strain, but Eli Heinberg (Rabbi Bohnen's aide) tells me he cried as I spoke. Some of the people were crying all the time we were there. I don't know how they didn't all go mad.*

*There were thousands and thousands of prisoners in the camp. Most looked terrible, and as I said, the Jews were the worst. Even the other prisoners who suffered miseries themselves could not get over the horrible treatment meted out to the Jews. I shall never forget what I saw, and in my nightmares the scenes will recur.*

**ESCAPE FROM THE BURNING  
GHETTO AND HIDING UNTIL THE  
RUSSIANS ARRIVED**

Lea Eliash  
Holocaust Survivor

**THE WAR ENDS IN BUDAPEST**

Edward O. Adler  
Holocaust Survivor

## **BIRDSONG**

*from Terezin Concentration Camp  
1942-44, anonymous  
Raymond Smolover, Composer*

Youth Choirs from  
Temple Emanu-El  
Harry Elkin Midrasha  
Temple Beth El

He doesn't know the world at all  
Who stays in his nest and won't come out.  
He doesn't know what birds know best  
Nor what I want to sing about,  
That the world is full of loveliness.

When dewdrops sparkle in the grass  
And earth's aflood with morning light,  
A blackbird sings upon a bush  
To greet the dawning after night.  
Then I know how good it is to be alive.

Open up your heart to beauty;  
And go to the woods someday  
And weave a wreath of memory there,  
Then if the tears obscure your way  
You will know how good it is to be alive.

## **A LIBERATOR REMEMBERS ...**

Joseph Gregson  
American Liberator  
Warwick, RI

"SHEMA"  
by Primo Levi, Survival in Auschwitz

The Rev. James Swartz  
United Methodist Church  
Barrington, RI

Reader: You who live safe  
In your warm houses,  
You who find, returning in the evening,  
Hot food and friendly faces:

Men: Consider if this is a man  
Who works in the mud  
Who does not know peace  
Who fights for a scrap of bread  
Who dies because of a yes or no.



Women: Consider if this is a woman,  
Without hair and without name  
With no more strength to remember,  
Her eyes empty and her womb cold  
Like a frog in winter.

Reader: Meditate that this came about:  
I commend these words to you.  
Carve them in your hearts  
At home, in the street,  
Going to bed, rising;  
Repeat them to your children,

All: Or may your house fall apart,  
May illness impede you,  
May your children turn their faces from you.

**LIBERATION TIME**

by Judith Newman, Holocaust Survivor  
from her book, In the Hell of Auschwitz

read by Cindy Halpern  
2nd generation survivor

**50 YEARS AGO...LIBERATION**

by Morris Gastfreund  
Holocaust Survivor

read by Prof. Michael Fink  
RI School of Design

**BLESSED IS THE MATCH**

by Chana Senesh  
Sardice, Yugoslavia May 2, 1944  
composer, Lawrence Avery  
translated from the Hebrew by Marie Syrkin

Cantor Nancy Ginsburg  
Temple Beth-El  
Providence, RI

Blessed is the match consumed  
in kindling flame.

Blessed is the flame that burns  
in the secret fastness of the heart.

Blessed is the heart with strength to stop  
its beating for honour's sake.

Blessed is the match consumed  
in kindling flame.

## PRESENTATION OF THE "NEVER AGAIN" AWARD

The "Never Again" Award is presented annually by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island in recognition of individuals who, by significant, positive pursuits in the community, seek to influence the reduction of anti-Semitism, racism, and prejudiced attitudes towards others.

Established in 1982, the award has been presented to Father Edward P. Doyle, Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen, Samuel Shlevin & Joyce Stevos, Father Edward Flannery, The Reverend Dr. Richard Brown, Senator Claiborne Pell, The Right Reverend George N. Hunt, III, James R. Winoker & Alan G. Hassenfeld, Gov. Edward D. DiPrete & J. Terrence Murray, John F. Deering Junior High School of West Warwick, RI, Fred Suzman & Mike Eckenroth, Jenny Machlowitz Klein, David A. Duffy, and The Holocaust Survivors of Rhode Island. This year we are pleased to honor:

### PROFESSOR ROBERT G. WEISBORD

The award will be presented by Harris N. Rosen, President of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

### RESPONSE: PROFESSOR ROBERT G. WEISBORD

## MARTYROLOGY KADDISH

Cantor Brian J. Mayer  
Temple Emanu-El Choir

Rev. Deborah Blanks  
Assistant University Chaplain  
Brown University

We rise.

*Yit-gadal*  
Auschwitz

יִתְגַּדֵּל  
אֹשְׁוויִצְ

*ve-yit-kadash*  
Lodz

וַיִּתְקַדֵּשׁ  
לוֹדְז

*shmei raba*  
Ponar

שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא  
פוֹנָר

*b'alma divra khir'utei*  
Babi Yar

בְּעַלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ  
בָּבִי יָר

*ve-yamlikh mal-khutei*  
Maidanek

וַיַּמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ  
מַיְדָנֶק

*be-hayei-khon uv'yomei-khon*  
Birkenau

בְּחַיֵּי כּוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵי כּוֹן  
בִּרְכֵנָא



<i>u-v'-hayei di-khol beit yisrael</i>	ובחיי דכל-בית ישראל
Kovno	Kovno
<i>ba-agala u-vi-z'man kariv</i>	בעגלא ובזמן קריב
Janowska	Janowska
<i>v'imru amen.</i>	ואמרו אמן.

יהא שמה רבא מברך לעלם ולעלמי עלמיא.

*Y'-hei shmei raba m'va-rakh l'alam ul'almei'almaya.*

<i>Yit-barakh v'-yish-tabah</i>	יתברך וישתבח
Theresienstadt	Theresienstadt

<i>v'yit-pa'ar v'-yitromam</i>	ויתפאר ויתרומם
Buchenwald	Buchenwald

<i>v'yitnasei v'-yit-hadar</i>	ויתנשא ויתהדר
Treblinka	Treblinka

<i>v'-yit'aleh v'-yit-halal</i>	ויתעלה ויתהלל
Vilna	Vilna

<i>shmei di-kudsha</i>	שמה דקדשא
Bergen-Belsen	Bergen-Belsen

<i>brih hu l'ela</i>	בריך הוא לעלא
Mauthausen	Mauthausen

<i>mikol bir-khata v'shirata</i>	מכל-ברכתא ושירתא
Dachau	Dachau

<i>tush-b'hata v'-nehe-mata</i>	תשבתתא ונחמתא
Minsk	Minsk

<i>da-amiran b'alma</i>	דאמירן בעלמא
Warsaw	Warsaw

<i>v'imru amen.</i>	ואמרו אמן.
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יהא שלמא רבא מן שמיא וחיים עלינו ועל כל-ישראל,  
ואמרו אמן.

*Y'-hei shlama raba min sh'maya v'-hayim aleinu v'al kol yisrael*  
*v'imru amen.*

עושה שלום במרומיו הוא יעשה שלום עלינו ועל כל-ישראל,  
ואמרו אמן.

*Oseh shalom bimromav hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol yisrael*  
*v'imru amen.*

Hallowed and enhanced may He be throughout the world of His own creation. May He cause His sovereignty soon to be accepted, during our life and the life of all Israel. And let us say: Amen.

**Congregation and Mourner:**

May He be praised throughout all time.

**Mourner:**

Glorified and celebrated, lauded and praised, acclaimed and honored, extolled and exalted may the Holy One be, far beyond all song and psalm, beyond all tributes which man can utter. And let us say: Amen.

**AS WE PREPARE FOR OUR WALK TO THE HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Sheila R. Alexander  
President, Temple Emanu-El

**RECESSIONAL:**

**ANI MA'AMIN**

Cantor Brian J. Mayer  
Temple Emanu-El Choir

אָני מאַמין בַּאֲמוּנָה שְׁלֵמָה  
בְּבִיאַת הַמָּשִׁיחַ.  
וְאֵף עַל פִּי שִׂיתְמָהּ.  
עַם כָּל זֶה אָנִי מְאָמִין.  
עַם כָּל זֶה אֶחָדָה לוֹ  
בְּכָל יוֹם שִׁבּוּא.

Ani Ma-amin, Ani Ma-amin  
Be-emunah she-lema  
B'vi-at ha-mashi-ach  
B'vi-at ha-mashi-ach  
Ani ma-amin

V'af al pi  
She-yit-mah-may-ah  
Im kawl zeh  
Ani ma-amin

I believe with perfect faith, in the coming  
of the Messiah; and even though he  
tarries, even so do I believe.

*Jews sang "Ani Ma'amin", expressing their belief in God and in a better world to come, even as they were being led to their deaths in the gas chambers.*



**SILENT PROCESSIONAL TO GARDEN OF THE HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL MUSEUM AT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER**  
corner of Sessions & Elmgrove

Memorial candles for the walk will be distributed in the Temple  
Lobby as you leave.

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**IN THE GARDEN OF THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM...**

**PSALM 23**

Jenny Klein  
Honorary Chair, RI Holocaust Memorial Museum  
Anthony Maione  
Executive Director, National Conference

מִן־מִוֹד לְדֹד יְהוָה רָעִי לֹא אֶחָסֵר: בְּנֵאוֹת דָּשָׁא וְדִבְעֵי  
עַל־מִי מְנַחֵת יְנַחֵנִי: נַפְשִׁי יִשׁוּבֵב יִנְחֵנִי בְּמִעְגְלֵי־צֹדֵק  
לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ: גַּם כִּי־אֶלֶךְ בְּנֵיאַ צִלְמוֹת לֹא־אֵירָא רֵעִי כִּי־  
אֲתָה עִמָּדִי שִׁבְטֶךָ וּמִשְׁעֶנְתֶּךָ תִּמְצָה יְנַחֵמֵנִי: תִּעְרָךְ לְפָנָי  
שְׁלֵחוֹ נֶגֶד צָרָתִי דִשְׁנֵת בְּשִׁמְן רֵאשִׁי כּוֹסֵי רַחוּם: אֵךְ טוֹב  
וְתַסֵּד יִרְדְּפוּנִי כָּל־יְמֵי חַיַּי וְשִׁבְתִּי בְּבֵית יְהוָה לְאָרְךָ יָמִים:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul;  
He guideth me in straight paths for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
For Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou hast annointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## THE MEANING OF THE NAMES

Laura Chakrin Cable  
2nd Generation Survivor

### EL MALEI RACHAMIM:

Prayer in memory of the Six  
Million, citing the names of  
relatives of Rhode Island  
Holocaust Survivors who perished  
in the Shoah.

Edward O. Adler  
Holocaust Survivor

אל מלא רחמים שוכן במרומים המצא מנוחה נכונה תחת  
כנפי השכינה במעלות קדושים וטהורים כזהר הרקיע מזהירים,  
את-נשמות כל-אחינו בני ישראל, אנשים נשים וטף, שנהרגו  
ושנטבחו ושנשרפו ושנחנקו. בגן עדן תהי מנוחתם. אנא בעל  
הרחמים, הסתירם בסתר כנפיד לעולמים וצור בצרור החיים  
את-נשמותיהם. יי הוא נחלתם, וינחו בשלום על משכבותיהם.  
ונאמר אמן.

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 were slaughtered and burned. 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.





**MOURNER'S KADDISH:**

Rabbi Alvan H. Kaunfer  
Temple Emanu-El  
Providence, RI

*Mourners and those observing Yahrzeit:*

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא בְּעַלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתֵיהּ, וְיַמְלִיךְ  
מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיִּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל-בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעַגְלָא  
וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

*Congregation and mourner:*

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וְלְעַלְמֵי עָלְמֵיָא.

*Mourner:*

יְתַבְרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא, וְיִתְהַדַּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה  
וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְרַךְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא לְעָלְמָא (לְעָלְמָא מְכַל-) מִן  
כָּל-בְּרַבְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא, תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא וְנִחַמְתָּא דְאִמְרוּן בְּעַלְמָא,  
וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא. וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל,  
וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עוֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל-  
יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

In recalling our dead, of blessed memory, we confront our loss with faith by rising to praise God's name in public assembly, praying that all men recognize His kingship soon. For when His sovereignty is felt in the world, peace, blessing and song fill the world, as well as great consolation.

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba b'alma di v'ra khir'utei, v'yamilkh, malkhutei b'hayeikohn u-v'yomeikhon u-v'hayei d'khol beit yisrael, ba-agala u-vi-z'man kariv, v'imru amen.

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varakh l'alam u-l'almei alamaya.

Yitbarakh v'yishtabah v'yitpa'ar v'yitromam v'yitnasei, v'yithadar v'hit'aleh v'yit-halal sh'mei d'kudsha, b'rikh hu. l'ela minkol birkhata v'shirata, tushb'hata v'nehemata da-aminran b'alma, v'imru amen.

Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya v'hayim aleinu v'al kol yisrael, v'imru amen.

Oseh shalom bi-m'romav, hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol yisrael, v'imru amen.

Hallowed and enhanced may He be throughout the world of His own creation. May He cause His sovereignty soon to be accepted during our life and the life of all Israel. And let us say: Amen.

May He be praised throughout all time.

Glorified and celebrated, lauded and praised, acclaimed and honored, extolled and exalted may the Holy One be far beyond all song and psalm, beyond all tributes which man can utter. And let us say: Amen.

Let there be abundant peace form Heaven, with life's goodness for us and for all the people Israel. And let us say: Amen.

He who brings peace to His universe will bring peace to us and to all the people Israel. And let us say: Amen.

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Following the service in the Garden, all are invited to visit the Museum and view a videotape entitled "We Were There, Jewish Liberators of the Nazi Concentration Camps"

A limited number of chairs will be available inside the Holocaust Memorial Museum for those unable to stand outside during the commemoration in the Memorial Garden.



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