

Congregation Kol Haverim Brotherhood

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Dear Beloved CKH Congregant,

The Brotherhood of Congregation Kol Haverim has joined the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs last year. One of the projects that the FJMC offers is **The Yellow Candle** program. The CKH Brotherhood will be providing all CKH families a **Yellow Candle** to commemorate Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day).

Rabbi Dr. Kari Tuling will be conducting a Yom HaShoah a hybrid service on Wednesday, April 19th at 6:00 PM. A box link will be sent prior to the service. As a congregation we will each light the **Yellow Candle** in the Sanctuary during the service. Each family will receive a name of a child who perished in the Holocaust. You can say a prayer for that child along with all that perished.

Memory is who we are as human beings. When lighting your candle with your family, please take a moment to recall the millions of men, women and children who were brutally murdered because they were Jews. Please reflect on the diverse and vibrant Jewish civilization that was destroyed by the darkness and unbridled hatred rooted in antisemitism. World War II came to an end 76 years ago, but the darkness has not completely receded. Tragically, ignorance of this history persists in our own nation. We must do all that is within our ability to confront the evils of intolerance and to shine a light when none currently exists. Your support of the **Yellow Candle** program empowers each of us to kindle the flame of remembrance and to take action to confront hate in all its manifestations.

We ask that you help underwrite the cost of this important project. Funds received over and above the cost of the candles will go directly to support Holocaust education programming locally and statewide. These programs are conducted by leading experts in the field. The Anti-Defamation League conducts "Echoes and Reflections" teacher training and the University of Hartford's Greenberg Center hosts an annual Holocaust Education Workshop.

A prayer is to be recited when lighting the **Yellow Candle** on Wednesday, April 19th.

Your support is greatly appreciated and valued.

Name _____

I would like to donate ___\$18 ___\$36 ___\$54 ___\$72 or any other amount \$ _____

In memory of the six million who were murdered during the Holocaust

Your donation to the Congregation Kol Haverim Brotherhood will provide support for ongoing Holocaust education programming.

Today, on Yom Hashoah, we remember the victims of the greatest crime of man against man – the young, the old, the innocent, the million and a half children, starved, shot, given lethal injections, gassed, burned, and turned to ash, because they were deemed guilty of the crime of being different.

We remember what happens when hate takes hold of the human heart and turns it to stone; what happens when victims cry for help and there is no one listening; what happens when humanity fails to recognize that those who are not in our image are none the less in God's image.

We remember and pay tribute to the survivor, who bore witness to what happened and to the victims, so that robbed of their lives, they would not be robbed also of their deaths.

We remember and give thanks for the righteous of the nations who saved lives, often at risk of their own, teaching us how in the darkest night we can light a candle of hope.

Today on Yom HaShoah, we call on you, Almighty God, to help us hear Your voice that says in every generation:

Do not Murder.

Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor.

Do not oppress the stranger.

We know that while we do not have the ability to change the past, we can change the future.

We know that while we cannot bring the dead back to life, we can ensure their memories live on and that their deaths were not in vein.

And so on this Yom HaShoah, we commit ourselves to one simple act: Yizkor, Remember.

May the souls of the victims bound in the bond of everlasting life. Amen.

-Adapted from a prayer written by UK Chief Rabbi Emeritus Lord Jonathan Sacks MP