

## Yom HaShoah Activities (Adapted from URJ Website)



### Connect With a Holocaust Survivor

There are more than 500,000 Holocaust survivors worldwide, and much of the remaining survivor population is over the age of 85. In New York City, Holocaust survivors are among the lowest-income Jews in the city. On Yom HaShoah, make contact with your local Jewish federation to learn how to connect with Holocaust survivors who may benefit from a visit or some other form of assistance that your family may be able to provide.



### Never Forget, Honoring Them



As a family or as an individual, make a donation to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum or another foundation. You can make a general donation, or you can donate in memory of your ancestors who perished in the Holocaust or in honor of loved ones who survived. If you don't know of a

direct familial connection to the Holocaust but want to help children understand the impact of the tragedy, consider learning, as a family, about one individual or family who went through the Holocaust – be it Anne Frank, a friend's great-grandparent, or a total stranger whose story is available online or in books – and make your donation in his or her memory or honor. You can research 3 million names and victim biographies at [YadVashem.org](http://YadVashem.org).

## Commit to Preventing Genocide

As a people intimately acquainted with the horrors of genocide, we are obligated to speak out and take action when other peoples are similarly threatened with annihilation. This Yom HaShoah, educate yourself and your family on the horrors of the genocidal activity currently taking place and then take action to repair the world. Write to your government representatives to ask them to support. Donate your family's *tzedakah* money to an organization that works to end these atrocities or provides aid to those affected by the crisis.



## Attend a Memorial Service



Most synagogues and Jewish communities gather together to commemorate the day through worship, music and the stories from survivors. Make plans to attend one of these programs. MRT has a special Yom HaShoah service every year. Yellow memorial candles are provided for attendees to take home.

