Meditation

Place the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle in your window
on the evening of Wednesday, May 4, 2005,
and recite the following as you light it.

As I light this Yellow Candle, I vow never to forget the lives of the Jewish men, women, and children who are symbolized by this flame. They were tortured and brutalized by human beings who acted like beasts; their lives were taken in cruelty. May we be inspired to learn more about our six million brothers and sisters as individuals and as communities, to recall their memory throughout the year, so that they will not suffer a double death. May we recall not only the terror of their deaths, but also the splendor of their lives. May the memory of their lives inspire us to hallow our own lives and to live meaningful Jewish lives so that we may help to insure that part of who they were shall endure always.

Here is the name of a child who perished in the Holocaust, including name, age, birthplace, and place and date of death. Please remember this child in your meditation.

Name: ODETTE ABOULAFIA, Child of MARCO Age: 8, Born: FRANCE, Died: AUSCHWITZ, Year of Death: 1944
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Name: LARISA BRIKER, Child of ALEKSANDR  Age: 3, Born: USSR, Died: MINSK, BELORUSSIA (USSR), Year of Death: 2/3/1942