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Shalom!

Enclosed you will find a Shoah Yellow Candle™. Please join with people around the world on Yom HaShoah, and light this candle on **Wednesday evening, April 18th**, corresponding to 27 Nisan 5772, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. We do this for those whose entire families and towns perished in the Shoah, and for whom no one is left to light a Yahrzeit remembrance candle. "Light a Candle, Preserve a Memory".

The act of kindling this flame and reading the enclosed meditation can be a moving ritual to remind us of what happened to the Jewish people not long ago. Place the candle in your window on Yom HaShoah to remind your community. This is also an appropriate time to discuss the Holocaust with your family.

The Yellow Candle program is a project of FJMC, in cooperation with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Men of Reformed Judaism. We hope that the lighting of a Yellow Candle on Yom HaShoah will become an annual event in your home.

Please consider making a donation to help defray the costs of this program and to fund Holocaust education. Gifts in multiples of \$18 are suggested.

The number 18 is *chai*, or life. By remembering, by doing our part to ensure our future, we celebrate the ongoing life of our people even as we memorialize those who were destroyed. We appreciate your support of this Shoah project and of our on-going educational programs.

We hope that you will gather your family together to participate on Wednesday evening, April 18th, in this small but meaningful gesture. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at eweis@yellowcandles.org.

Sincerely,

Eric Weis

FJMC Yellow Candle Committee Chair

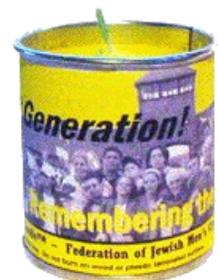


Thank you for your tax-deductible donation to the 2011 Yellow Candle program.

Amount enclosed: \$18_____ \$36_____ \$54_____ \$72_____ (Other)_____

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Personal Meditation

Place a Yellow Candle in your window on Wednesday night April 18th, 2012,
and recite the following personal meditation 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.

(Permission to reproduce this Meditation is granted)

“Who Am I To Speak Of A Time?”

*Who am I to speak of a time
of families crushed, of crimes of mankind,
of children in hiding and living in fear,
of mothers trying to hide all their tears,
of fathers praying to an empty heaven,
of people dying again and again?*

*Who am I to know what it was like
to be persecuted by day and trapped by the night,
to be surrounded by a world turned upside down,
to be starved and tortured and beaten to the ground,
to witness a nation of hate marching past,
to see all their dreams broken and shattered like glass?*

*Who am I to mention their suffering and pain,
the ghettos, the camps, life and death inhumane?
I wasn't even born, I wasn't even there,
it happened long ago, it could never happen here.*

*Who am I to know what God had in mind
when the virtues of man were buried alive,
when good lost to evil and hope turned to despair,
when hell upon earth seemed everywhere?*

*Who am I to let their memories be forgotten,
to say and do nothing as if it never happened,
to forsake the loss of our Jewish family,
to live in a world of complacency?*

THE BLESSING OF THE YELLOW CANDLE

*We light this yellow candle to rekindle God's flame,
To shine His light upon the world once again,
To sanctify the memories of the millions of souls,
To honor their prayers and all their lost goals.
We bless their existence by being alive
To light this yellow candle as proof we survived.*

Ron Adler