

April 4, 2005

Dear Friends:

Enclosed you will find your Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle. We hope that you will once again join with the other members of Temple Ramat Zion and your family on Wednesday night May 4, erev Yom HaShoah, and light this candle. We light the candle in our homes in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. The act of kindling this flame and reading the enclosed meditation can be a moving ritual to remind us of what happened to our people not so long ago. Placing the candle in your window is a way to help remind the community. This moment would also be an appropriate opportunity to discuss the Holocaust with your children.

Since its inception, we have participated in this program. The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program is a project of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, in cooperation with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

It is our hope that the observance of Yom HaShoah, centered on the lighting of a Yellow Candle, will become an annual event in your home and in the home of every member of our congregation. Many of our families have already made this commemoration an important day in their Jewish calendar.

As in the past, we ask that you help to underwrite the cost of this project. A portion of the funds received over and above the cost will go directly to support The Blue Card, the only agency in the United States that provides cash to needy Holocaust survivors and, when necessary, to their psychologically affected children. We would ask that you consider gifts in multiples of \$18.00. The number 18 is *chai*, life. By remembering, by doing our part to insure our future, we celebrate the ongoing life of our people, even as we memorialize those who were destroyed. We appreciate your support of our efforts in this Yom HaShoah commemoration.

We hope that you and your family will participate on Wednesday evening, May 4, in this meaningful project. In addition, please make plans to join us for our Yom HaShoah Memorial service on \_\_\_\_\_ . Your participation will be another link in the chain that binds our Jewish people from one generation to the next.

Sincerely,

Steven Tucker  
Rabbi

Larry Schwartz  
Men's Club President

Paul Selski  
Yom HaShoah Chair

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Please return this form with your donation to:

Temple Ramat Zion Men's Club  
17655 Devonshire Street  
Northridge, CA 91325

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ \$18 \_\_\_\_\_ \$36 \_\_\_\_\_ \$72 \_\_\_\_\_ Other

YOM HASHOAH – LIGHT A YELLOW CANDLE TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO  
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March 13, 2005

Dear Friends,

It's been sixty years since Nazi concentration camps were liberated, and the Holocaust that claimed six million Jewish lives came to an end. To ensure that the six million did not die in vain and that the Holocaust never happens again, Temple Ramat Zion will join Jews throughout North America by participating in the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program, a program sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs in cooperation with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

As the years pass, the memories of those who fell victim to the ultimate hate crime must not diminish. That's why we are encouraging your family and every family in Temple Ramat Zion to light just one Yellow Candle on the night of Wednesday, May 4. When each family lights a Yellow Candle, it will increase the awareness of the Holocaust and perpetuate our commitment to our people.

The memory is important because the number of Holocaust survivors is diminishing with each passing day. As we lose this precious link, those who deny the Holocaust ever happened gain strength. Sadly, 20% of all high school students lack any knowledge of the Holocaust.

Yom HaShoah candles are a highly visible symbol for keeping the flame alive. Their color recalls the badges Jews were forced to wear in Nazi-occupied Europe, but their flame inspires hope that we can yet make our world a tolerant place to live.

The candles will be mailed to you soon. Please participate in this important event.

Paul Selski, Yom HaShoah Program Chair