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# Host Kit

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## Thank You!

Welcome and thank you for choosing to host a Zikaron BaSalon, where we gather to remember and reflect on the Holocaust while addressing the pressing issue of rising antisemitism worldwide. In these challenging times, it is more crucial than ever to stand together and take action against hatred and discrimination.

This host kit is a response to the tragic events that unfolded in Israel on October 7th and the subsequent global reaction characterized by anti-Jewish rallies, hate crimes, and propaganda. It is a sobering reminder of The November Pogrom (Kristallnacht) that occurred 85 years ago, driven by vile propaganda against the Jews. Today, we find ourselves confronted with similar challenges, making it more crucial than ever to remember the past, share stories, and stand united against the rising tides of hatred and discrimination.

As a host, you play a pivotal role in fostering dialogue, promoting understanding, and ensuring that the lessons of history are not forgotten. This kit will guide you in creating a meaningful and impactful Zikaron BaSalon event that not only commemorates the past but also confronts the present.

Together, we can make a difference, supporting Holocaust survivors and spreading the message of tolerance, unity, and remembrance. Thank you for your dedication to this important cause.

The kit provides a helpful resource, including ideas for engaging opening remarks and questions for discussion, making it easy for anyone to facilitate a meaningful Zikaron BaSalon gathering.



## Opening Remarks

Start by sharing the personal significance of hosting this gathering. We recommend that everyone briefly introduce themselves as this helps create a sense of togetherness.

The Survivors' Declaration was written by a group of Holocaust survivors in 2002, and it is as relevant today as it was over 20 years ago:

"Antisemitism and all other forms of racism present a danger not only to Jews but also to the community of nations. These days the "new antisemitism" is directed simultaneously against Jews, against Israel and against Zionism. By equating these terms the danger for Jews as a whole is exacerbated. This phenomenon is also common in propaganda emanating from the Arab world. The Holocaust showed the world the extent of the destructive power of antisemitism and racism. Holocaust denial, as well as minimization and banalization of the Holocaust, provide a means of avoiding the evident conclusions and learning the lessons for the future. We, the survivors, call upon the world to wipe out these phenomena and to combat them relentlessly".

The Survivors' Declaration, 2002



## Opening Remarks

Today, we stand united in the face of a troubling global reality: the resurgence of antisemitism. Recent incidents around the world serve as stark reminders that hatred and discrimination persist.

From incidents on college campuses to the proliferation of antisemitic content on social media, the challenges are real. But so is our shared commitment to counteract them.

This gathering is a testament to our determination to confront hatred with unity, education, and understanding. We remember the past, honour the survivors, and draw lessons that can shape a more inclusive and compassionate world.

As we delve into discussions, we aim to stand strong against the current tide of antisemitism, emphasizing that this is not a task for one community alone but a collective mission for all.



## Remember the Past

The first part of the Salon is a personal testimony. The main thing is for us to remember who and what happened during the Holocaust. You can invite a Holocaust survivor, 2G or 3G to speak or use a recorded or written testimonies.

Recorded testimonies carry immense significance, promising the stories of those who lived through such impactful events are not forgotten, even though many of them are no longer with us. Their voices echo through time, offering valuable insights into resilience and the human spirit amid challenging circumstances.

To access edited testimonies for your Zikaron BaSalon gathering, please [click here](#).



## Feel the Moment

The second part of the Salon is a transitional stage – giving us some time to process the testimony and to create a safe and open space for a meaningful discussion.

Invite participants to share personal or family stories;

Read a text or a poem, play an instrument, sing together, light a candle, recite a prayer or find the best way for them to express themselves.

On [Zikaron BaSalon's website](#), you can find resources such as playlists, complete with the chords and lyrics of the songs so everyone can join in.



## Shape the Future

The last part of the Salon is an open discussion, A rare opportunity to converse. Understand what lessons we have learned as individuals and as a society.

Feel free to use any of the provided questions or add additional questions that you find appropriate

### Reflecting on the Past:

- How has the Holocaust's impact on history affected your perspective on life and humanity?
- What lessons from the Holocaust can we apply to combat prejudice and discrimination in the world today?
- How can we ensure that the memory of the Holocaust remains relevant for future generations?

### Global Antisemitism:

- Are you aware of the recent incidents of antisemitism in our region or globally? How have they impacted your perception of the issue?
- Have you or someone you know ever encountered antisemitism or discrimination because of your Jewish identity? How did you respond?
- In your opinion, what are the main factors contributing to the rise of antisemitism in the world today?
- How can we raise awareness about antisemitism and encourage tolerance in our communities?
- How do media and social media platforms contribute to the spread of antisemitic views and stereotypes?
- What measures can be taken to address online hate speech and misinformation targeting Jews?



## Shape the Future

### Promoting Unity and Tolerance:

- What steps can we take to promote unity, empathy, and understanding in our communities and beyond?
- How can we use the lessons of the Holocaust to actively work toward a more just and tolerant world?
- What strategies or actions can individuals and organizations take to actively combat antisemitism and protect Jewish communities?
- What are some policies or laws that can be enacted to address antisemitism more effectively?
- How can people of different backgrounds and faiths come together to support Jewish communities and stand against antisemitism?
- Are there examples of interfaith or intercultural initiatives that have successfully promoted unity and understanding?

### Personal Commitments:

- What personal commitments can we make to ensure that the memory of the Holocaust remains alive and that we actively combat hatred in our lives?
- How can we pass on the lessons of the Holocaust to future generations?
- In what ways can we personally contribute to raising awareness about antisemitism and fostering a more inclusive society?
- What will be your commitment to standing against antisemitism and supporting Jewish communities in the face of this challenge?





## Closing Remarks

As we conclude this significant gathering, let us remember that the fight against antisemitism is not a battle for one day but an ongoing commitment. We've come together to share our experiences, our thoughts and our determination to combat discrimination and intolerance.

In the spirit of Zikaron BaSalon, let us carry the torch of remembrance and the flame of resilience into our daily lives. Each of us plays a vital role in promoting a world free from hatred, bigotry, and prejudice.

As we leave this conversation, let us remain united in our dedication to confronting antisemitism and all forms of discrimination. Together, we can build a brighter, more inclusive future.

**Thank you for being part of this crucial dialogue.**