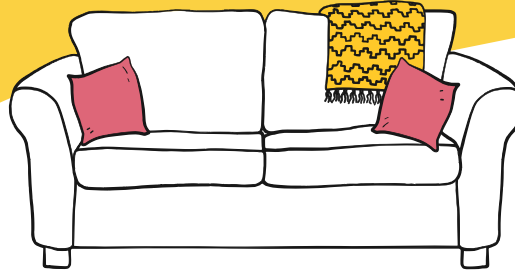


ZIKARON BASALON

at Home



On Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, we invite you to host an intimate, thoughtful, and meaningful gathering with your family members – 'Zikaron BaSalon' at Home.

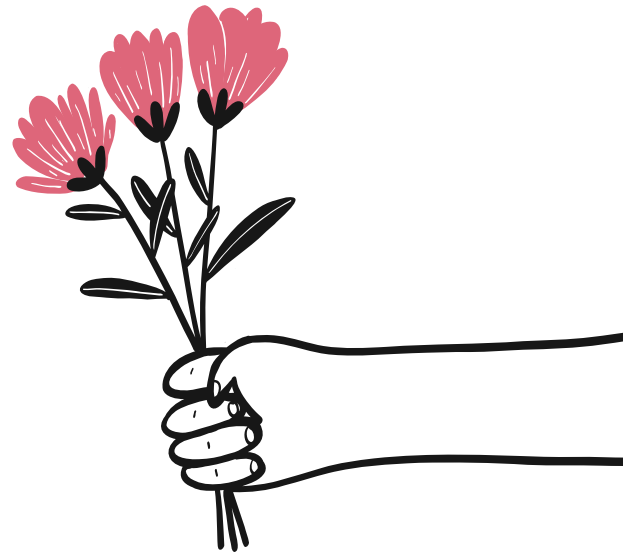
Together, we shape the tradition, design the way we remember the Holocaust and learn from it for generations to come. In Judaism, tradition begins at home, with family and close circles, we invite you to be a part of this.

So, what does a family Zikaron BaSalon look like? 'Zikaron BaSalon' is a journey through time, remembering the past and shaping the future, and therefore, the complete 'Zikaron BaSalon' experience is built from three main parts:

Remember the Past – a personal story of survivors or victims from the Holocaust. The main thing is for us to remember who and what happened during the Holocaust.

Feel the moment – A time to be together, here and now. Exchange thoughts, and share feelings. A time to share, absorb, and process.

Shaping the Future –An opportunity to converse. Talk about how we do not forget but also how and where we take the memory of the Holocaust from here.



Prepare for Your Gathering:

- Create a warm atmosphere – dedicate family time, free from distractions, to foster an open conversation and connection.
- Make it personal – If any of your family members or acquaintances survived the Holocaust, share something about them. There is no substitute for a personal connection.
- Focus on resilience and hope – Let's center the discussion on the strength of the human spirit, perseverance in challenging moments, and the vision of a better future.
- Embrace everyone's feelings – There is no single "right" way to experience this. Every emotion is valid, and every perspective matters.
- Most importantly... You know best what works in your home. Design the evening in a way that feels most natural and meaningful for your family.





Opening

To begin this meaningful time together and set the atmosphere, it is recommended to start with a reading or a song and share why you have come together today and the significance of this moment.

You are invited to choose any reading piece or song that speaks to you. Below are two recommendations that are especially suitable for a gathering with children.

"I have no words, but I must write, I must! I beg of you not to forget those who are no longer living.

You must avenge their deaths! I plead with you to erect a monument that will reach the heavens, so the entire world will see it, not a statue of marble or stone, but a tower of good deeds, for I strongly believe that only such a memorial can guarantee a better future for you and your children."

/ From the Diary of Donia Rosen, 1943

"Despite everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart. There are moments when I lose that belief, but I have learned that hope comes from believing in the potential for goodness, even in the face of hatred. We must find a way to believe that there is something better out there, even if it seems so far away. I hold on to that hope, knowing that one day, goodness will prevail."

/ Anne Frank



REMEMBER THE PAST

Testimony – A Personal and Human Story

In this part of the gathering, we dedicate time to give space to testimony from the Holocaust—whether from a survivor or a victim.

To get into the mindset of the gathering, you may choose to light a candle and honor the names of family members who perished in the Holocaust, or remember someone you never met but wish to honor during your home gathering.

We invite you to share a family story, or a community connection, or choose another testimony that resonates with you. You can also choose to watch a recorded testimony—You can find different options on our website:

www.zikaronbasalon.com/en/resource-centre/ as well as various archives and websites.

For young children, the testimony component can also take the form of reading a children's book. There is a wide range of books suited for different ages and varying levels of familiarity and exposure to the events of the Holocaust.

Recommendations:

For Children Ages 5–7

- "Francesco Tirelli's Ice Cream Shop" by Tamar Meir

For Children Ages 7–10

- "The Butterfly" by Patricia Polacco
- "Irena's Jars of Secrets" by Marcia K. Vaughan
- "The Cats in Krasinski Square" by Karen Hesse
- "I wanted to fly like a butterfly" by Naomi Morgenstern
(available as a PDF, scan the QR code)





FEEL THE MOMENT

This is the time to be together, to share feelings and emotions. It's recommended to sing a song together, or you can choose to draw, play music, or write.

Here is a suggestion for a song that inspires feelings of hope and prayer.

Beautiful That Way

Written by: Noa/Nicola Piovani/Gil Dor

*Smile, without a reason why
Love, as if you were a child
Smile, no matter what they tell you
Don't listen to a word they say
Cause life is beautiful that way*

*Tears, a tidal wave of tears
Light, that slowly disappears
Wait, before you close the curtain
There is still another game to play
And life is beautiful that way*

*Here with his eyes forevermore
I will always be as close as you
Remember from before
Now that you're out there on your own
Remember what is real and
What we dream is love alone*

*Keep the laughter in your eyes
Soon your long-awaited prize
We'll forget about our sorrows
And think about a brighter day
Cause life is beautiful that way*

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And life is beautiful that way*

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The song 'Beautiful That Way' by Achinoam Nini is a powerful reflection on the beauty of life, even in the face of challenges.

Through its heartfelt lyrics and melody, the song serves as a reminder to cherish each moment, find hope in difficult times, and embrace the world with gratitude and resilience.





SHAPE THE FUTURE

This part is designed to help process the experience, reflect on what we've learned, and think about what we can take forward. The cards are here to help spark a conversation.

You can take turns picking a card, answering the question, or directing it to someone else. Alternatively, you can lay out all the cards and let each family member choose a question to respond to freely.

Let the conversation flow.



Heart

What did I feel?



Head

What did I learn?



Eyes

What do I see differently now?



Hands

What can I do?



Feet

Where do we go from here?



Mouth

What can I share?



Heart

What did
I feel?

What emotions did the gathering
bring up for me?
Was there a specific moment that
touched me the most?



Head

What did
I learn?

What new thoughts or insights did I gain
from our time together today?
Did I learn any new historical or educational
information that I didn't know before?
Did anything surprise me?



Hands

What can
I do?

What actions can I take in my
community or daily life to keep
the memory alive? How can I
contribute to making the world a
better place?



Eyes

What do I see
differently now?

Has our conversation changed the
way I see Holocaust remembrance?
How do I view my role in preserving
memory?



Feet

Where do we
go from here?

How can we continue this
conversation beyond today? What
steps can we take as a family to keep
learning and remembering?



Mouth

What can I
share?

How can I tell others about what I
learned today? Why is it important to
share these stories? Who can I talk to?
Friends, family, teachers, etc.

If you wish, you can end with a prayer, adding a sense of spirituality to your gathering.

There are various traditional and modern prayers to choose from, and here is a suggestion for you to consider.



A Prayer for Yom HaShoah

Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

Today, on Yom HaShoah, we remember the victims of the greatest crime of man against man – the young, the old, the innocent, the million and a half children, starved, shot, given lethal injections, gassed, burned and turned to ash, because they were deemed guilty of the crime of being different.

We remember what happens when hate takes hold of the human heart and turns it to stone; what happens when victims cry for help and there is no one listening; what happens when humanity fails to recognise that those who are not in our image are none the less in God's image.

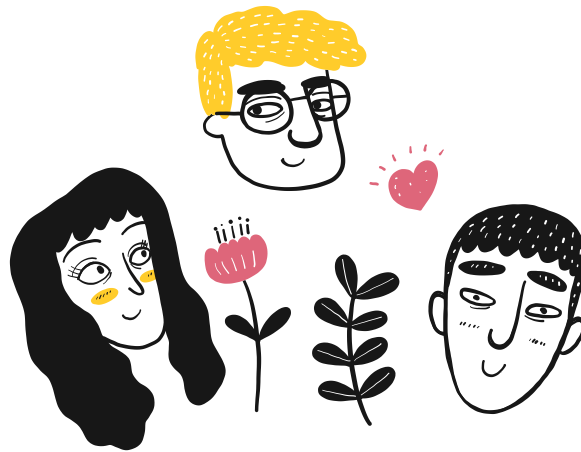
We remember and pay tribute to the survivors, who bore witness to what happened, and to the victims, so that robbed of their lives, they would not be robbed also of their deaths.

We remember and give thanks for the righteous of the nations who saved lives, often at risk of their own, teaching us how in the darkest night we can light a candle of hope.

Today, on Yom HaShoah, we call on You, Almighty God, to help us hear Your voice that says in every generation:

Do not murder.

Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbour.



Prayer for Our Well-Being

Maya Buenos

May the one who blessed our ancestors bless us as well. Now, at this moment, let us pray for our well-being, for the well-being of our land, for peace.

May the one who blessed our fathers and mothers also bless the hostages and hasten their return home, with a ray of light upon their heads, to a comforting embrace, to a familiar home, a secure space.

May the one who blessed our fathers and mothers also bless the soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces and the members of the security forces, standing guard over our homes with boundless dedication, with open hearts, in solidarity.

Send them strength during the long nights and send strength to us as well, standing behind them, send us days without worry.

May the one who blessed, bless us with complete healing so that all the wounded will return to their strength and their lives.

Bless us that we will not worry over an unfamiliar voice, that we will not fear in a place where fear is not required. Heal the walls of our hearts and the walls of our homes, bless us that we will return to them quickly.

Bless us that we will rise, once again, like our fathers, from the ashes. Bless us that we may find comfort within ourselves and between us.

Bless us that we will remember our past and become worthy of the next generations, and our responsibility to build and shape our future.

And let us all say, Amen.