Yom Ha'Shoah Community-Wide Commemoration Sunday, April 12, 2015

Congregation Har Shalom 11510 Falls Road Potomac, MD 20854

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Unto Every Person There Is A Name An annual worldwide name reading program coordinated by B'nai B'rith International. This public name-reading commemorates children and adults who perished in the Holocaust, restoring some dignity to those who were stripped of their identifies and robbed of their lives. Individuals may submit names of loved ones who perished in the Shoa or bring them to the service to be read and remembered.

Art & Artifact Exhibits (Submissions Welcome) Congregation Har Shalom organizes Holocaust related memorabilia and artwork submitted by members of the community (contact Sonia Beekman at yomhashoah@harshalom.org for details). Also on display is Montgomery College Foundation's Portrait s of Life Exhibit with photographs and personal of Holocaust survivors who witnessed evil, then turned their backs on hatred to tell their stories. Through these personal histories, the exhibit seeks to emphasize tolerance and understanding, and acknowledge the inherent value of each individual.

Community & Youth Dor L'Dor Program Teens and adults are invited to join small groups each with an individual Holocaust survivor to learn their living testimony of survival and triumph. In the weeks and months preceding the commemoration, JCRC also works with youth groups, public and private high schools to host Holocaust survivor speakers at their location and create interpretative art projects deriving from the visit. Download the flyer, or to learn more, contact JCRC's Educational Outreach Associate Steve Adleberg (sadleberg@jcouncil.org / 703-962-9232)

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Community Commemoration A community-wide remembrance including Memorial candle lighting; Kaddish; reflection; music (including the participation of Hazzan Geller and members of our BSO Kolot Shalom choir); poetry; and memorial to the destroyed communities of Europe. A keynote address will be offered by Rabbi Andrew Baker, Director for International Jewish Affairs at the American Jewish Committee and a renowned expert on Holocaust restitution and anti-Semitism then and now.