

Subject: FW: 2021 Yom Ha'Shoah commemorations

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Hi

This email has been sent to parents of students in Years 2-12.

Warm regards

Essie

From: Bialik College <jewishlife@bialik.vic.edu.au>

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Dear Parents

Yom Ha'Shoah (Holocaust Commemoration) Assembly

This year Yom Ha'Shoah falls on Thursday 8 April (during Term break), and thus will be commemorated at the College on the last day of Term One, Friday 26 March 2021.

We will be live streaming our assemblies, as we are keen for you to join us. Zoom details are as follows:

Senior School assembly:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bialikcollege.zoom.us/j/95685366424>

Meeting ID: 956 8536 6424

Middle School assembly:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bialikcollege.zoom.us/j/92679212822>

Meeting ID: 926 7921 2822

If you are able, please purchase a Yizkor (Yahrzeit) candle for your household to light during your child's assembly. Our hope is to have one burning candle in each Bialik home.

Students in Years 6 - 9 will be holding their assembly on Friday 26 March from 11.50am – 12.50pm, and the Years 10 – 12 students will be holding their assembly from 10.50am – 11.50am. Please note, our Primary School will commemorate Yom Ha'Shoah through carefully crafted age-appropriate activities. Survivor testimonies and candle-lighters are not included as part of this Primary School experience.

Each year, survivors from the Bialik community are invited to light a candle during the assembly with their grandchildren. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions placed on us by Covid, we are unable to have survivors attend campus. Instead, we are requesting that students pre-record their grandparent or great-grandparent lighting a memorial candle in their home, so that we can view this at school simultaneously as our students light the memorial candles on their behalf.

If you, or one of your family members, would be in a position to be pre-recorded as a candle-lighter at one of our assemblies, please reply to Rachel Israel at jewishlife@bialik.vic.edu.au or on 8823 5136 by the close of school on Wednesday 10 March to express your interest.

In addition to the assembly, special commemorative lessons will take place. **All students from Years 6 – 10** are required to bring in a testimony or artefact on the day. If you have a family member who was directly impacted by the Shoah, students should write a 1-2-minute synopsis about his/her life and how he/she experienced the Shoah. If you have an artefact that connects to his/her life, please will you locate it and consider allowing your child to incorporate it into this brief testimony. If you do not have a family member who was directly impacted by the Shoah, please ask your child to visit [this website](#) and choose one individual whose story your child would be willing to share. Our intention is to have many of our students briefly share a memory of a loved one or other survivorqach, so we, as a community, can collectively honour their memories and stories.

A few years ago the College opened a memorial database which pays tribute to Bialik family members who perished during the Holocaust. If you have not already done so and would like to honour family members in this way, please add names and details of family members to this table and email it to jewishlife@bialik.vic.edu.au.

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	YEAR & PLACE OF BIRTH	YEAR & PLACE OF DEATH

Yours sincerely,

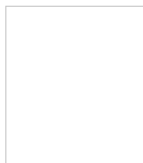
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