

# **Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, 15-16 April 2007**

## ***Central Theme and Events at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem***

(April 11, 2007 -- Jerusalem) The central theme for this year's Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day is **Bearing Witness**.

**The Official Opening Ceremony for Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day will take place on Sunday, April 15, at 20:00, at the Warsaw Ghetto Square, Yad Vashem, Har Hazikaron, Jerusalem.**

Israel's Acting President Dalia Itzik and Prime Minister Ehud Olmert will address the participants. Avner Shalev, Yad Vashem Chairman, will kindle the Memorial Torch. Joseph (Tommy) Lapid, Chairman of the Yad Vashem Council, will speak on behalf of the survivors.

**During the ceremony, six torches will be lit by Holocaust survivors.** First torch: Zanne Farbstein; second torch: Mordechai (Motke) Wiesel; third torch: Yaacov (Jacki) Handeli; fourth torch: David Gur; fifth torch: Miriam (Manya) Brodeski-Titelman; sixth torch: Ya'akov Janek Hollaender. During the ceremony, short videos of the torchlighters' testimonies will be shown (produced and directed by Shlomo Chazan).

The official memorial service will take place during the ceremony. The Rishon Lezion Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Shlomo Amar will recite Psalms. The Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Yonah Metzger, will recite Kaddish. El Ma'aleh Rahamim will be recited by Cantor Asher Hainowitz.

Participants in the ceremony include singer Amir Ben-Ayoun and the Bat-Kol Choir, conducted by Anat Moragas well as the IDF Paratrooper's Honor Guard. Narrative pieces: Dror Keren. The evening's MC will be Yona Elian.

The ceremony will be broadcast live on television on Channels 1, 2, 10 and 33 and by radio on Kol Israel and Galei Zahal. It will last about one hour.

**After the ceremony, at 22:00, there will be a symposium in the auditorium at Yad Vashem entitled "And You Shall Tell Your Children—The Story of the Shoah Between History and Remembrance,"** moderated by Ehud Graf, with the participation of Prof. Yehuda Bauer, Rabbi Dr. Benny Lau, the poetess Agi Mishol, Ronal Fisher, Adv. and Chairman of Yad Vashem Avner Shalev. Singer Kobi "Subliminal" Shimoni and violinist Miri Ben-Ari will perform a new composition "Adon Olam – Ad Matai." The two-hour discussion is open to the public and will be broadcast live on Galei Zahal radio.

Yad Vashem continues to collect video testimonies from Holocaust survivors in their homes, and urges all survivors to contact Yad Vashem so that a session may be arranged. Yad Vashem also urges the public to submit Pages of Testimony in memory of victims of the Shoah that have not yet been memorialized in the Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names. Names may be submitted online at [www.yadvashem.org](http://www.yadvashem.org), where the Names Database is accessible in Hebrew, English and Russian.

Information on Holocaust Remembrance Day, as well as on-line exhibits, educational materials, video testimony and more is available at [www.yadvashem.org](http://www.yadvashem.org).

## **MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS**

### **Entrance for Journalists to the Opening Ceremony on Sunday, April 15, 2007**

**STILLS CAMERAS AND TV:** COVERAGE OF THE OPENING CEREMONY IS BY **POOL.**

PRINT JOURNALISTS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY WILL BE PERMITTED WITH A VALID 2007 GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE CARD ONLY. Journalists should arrive at Mt. Herzl by 18:15—private vehicles will not be admitted to Yad Vashem. (GPO cards will be checked upon boarding the minibus, in the Mt. Herzl parking lot)  
No firearms permitted.  
It is recommended to dress warmly.

### **Entrance for Journalists to the Wreath-Laying Ceremony in the Presence of the Acting President and Prime Minister, Monday, April 16, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.**

Journalists will be permitted to enter the site by buses available to the public at the Mt. Herzl parking lot from 7:30 a.m.

#### **Private vehicles will not be admitted to Yad Vashem.**

ENTRANCE WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED WITH A VALID 2007 GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE CARD. **THERE WILL BE NO ENTRY TO THE CEREMONY AFTER 9:15.**

From 11:00-20:00 entry will be permitted to all events at Yad Vashem, by way of transportation from Mt. Herzl.

Attached are details of the Remembrance Day events at Yad Vashem.

**Events on Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day,  
Monday, April 16, 2007**

- 10:00**            **Siren**  
**10:02**            **Wreath-laying ceremony** with the participation of Israel's Acting President, Prime Minister, President of the Supreme Court, Chairman of the Jewish Agency, Chief of General Staff, Chief of Police, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Mayor of Jerusalem, public figures, representatives of survivor organizations, soldiers, school children and delegations from throughout the country—**Warsaw Ghetto Square**
- 8:30 – 15:00**    **Meetings** with survivors, multimedia workshops, special tours, creative activities and more, for over 1,000 students. —**International School for Holocaust Studies**
- 10:30 – 12:30**    **“Unto Every Person There is a Name”** Recitation of Holocaust victims' names by members of the public—**Hall of Remembrance**
- 11:00**            **“Unto Every Person There is a Name”** Recitation of Holocaust victims' names in the presence of the Speaker of the Knesset, heads of state and public figures—**Knesset**
- 10:30 – 17:30**    **Screening of Holocaust-related films.** Three documentary films will be shown: *Volevo Solo Vivere*, *The Cemetery Club*, and *Nina's Journey*. The screening of *The Cemetery Club* will be followed by a dialogue with the director and the film's two protagonists. Subsequent to showing *Nina's Journey*, Aharon Feuerstein, Screenwriter and Lecturer will lead a discussion group on “Cinematic Challenges: The Holocaust in Feature Films.”—**Visual Center**
- 13:00**            **Main memorial ceremony—Hall of Remembrance**
- 15:00**            **Memorial ceremony for Hungarian Jews murdered in the Holocaust—Valley of the Communities**
- 16:00**            **Memorial ceremony for former members of the Jewish Resistance in France —Auditorium**
- 17:30**            **Ceremony for youth movements with the participation of hundreds of youth and Holocaust survivors**, in conjunction with the Ministry of Education's Youth and Social Administration, Youth Movement Council, Center of Organizations of Holocaust Survivors in Israel, and the “Generation to Generation—Bearers of the Holocaust and Heroism Legacy” organization, in the presence of Shmuel Aboav, Director General of the Ministry of Education and Avner Shalev, Yad Vashem Chairman, Singer Subliminal and violinist Miri Ben-Ari, and the Youth Movement Choir, conducted by Adi Ron. Masters of Ceremony: Ido Mussari and Lucy Dubinchik —**Warsaw Ghetto Square**
- 19:30**            **“Muzika—Youth Touch Songs of the Shoah,”**—the conclusion of a project of the International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem. The program includes dramatic, musical and visual arts pieces created by young artists—The Lab (Ha'mabada), Jerusalem (entrance by invitation only).
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- 16:00**            **“In Memory”** Concert in cooperation with Yad Vashem, the Targ Music Center and Beit Terezin, with the participation of the Beit Terezin Ensemble. Entrance is free of charge, for details, tel: 02-6414250.
- 19:00**            **“Finding the Strength”** Assembly of the “Generation to Generation—Bearers of the Holocaust and Heroism Legacy” organization—Beit Wolyn, 10 Rehov Korazin, Givatayim. For registration and details: [dorot\\_hemshech@walla.com](mailto:dorot_hemshech@walla.com), tel: 02-6443415

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