

Yom HaShoah May 5th, 2016 "Light a Candle, Preserve a Memory"™

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# Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle™ Meditations



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Please light the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle™ on the evening of Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

Recite one of the following meditations as you light it.

As I light this Yellow Candle, I vow never to forget the lives of the Jewish men, women, and children who were martyred and are symbolized by this flame. They were tortured and brutalized by human beings who acted like beasts; their lives were taken in cruelty.

May we be inspired to learn more about our six million brothers and sisters as individuals and as communities, to recall their memory throughout the year, so that they will not suffer a double death.

May we recall not only the terror of their deaths, but also the splendor of their lives. May the memory of their lives inspire us to hallow our own lives and to live meaningful Jewish lives so that we may help to insure that part of who they were shall endure always.

Written by Rabbi Jules Harlow,

### "Who Am I To Speak Of A Time?"

Who am I to speak of a time of families crushed, of crimes of mankind, of children in hiding and living in fear, of mothers trying to hide all their tears, of fathers praying to an empty heaven, of people dying again and again?

Who am I to know what it was like to be persecuted by day and trapped by the night, to be surrounded by a world turned upside down, to be starved and tortured and beaten to the ground, to witness a nation of hate marching past, to see all their dreams broken and shattered like glass?

Who am I to mention their suffering and pain, the ghettos, the camps, life and death inhumane? I wasn't even born, I wasn't even there, it happened long ago, it could never happen here.

Who am I to know what God had in mind when the virtues of man were buried alive, when good lost to evil and hope turned to despair, when hell upon earth seemed everywhere?

Who am I to let their memories be forgotten, to say and do nothing as if it never happened, to forsake the loss of our Jewish family, to live in a world of complacency?

Ron Adler Congregation Valley Beth Shalom Men's Club Encino, CA

### The Blessing of the Yellow Candle

We light this yellow candle to rekindle God's flame,
To shine His light upon the world once again,
To sanctify the memories of the millions of souls,
To honor their prayers and all their lost goals.
We bless their existence by being alive
To light this yellow candle as proof we survived.
Ron Adler

Additional information about Yom HaShoah including poetry and meditations, films and readings may be found on:

www.yellowcandles.org

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# Why Yellow Candles? – A History

The Yellow Candle™ was created in 1981 by Congregation Beth Tzedec in Toronto and Temple Ner Tamid in Peabody Massachusetts to keep alive the memory of the Six Million who perished in the Shoah. The Candle was originally modeled after a traditional Jewish memorial Yahrzeit candle that burns for 24 hours during periods of mourning and on the Yahrzeit anniversary of a family member. It's yellow wax serves to remind us of the yellow arm band which Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi regime. A photo on the candle container shows young people visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. This reflects the importance of teaching our youth the lessons of the Holocaust and of remembering the Six Million. In addition, the program logo is a yellow Magen David (Star of David) outlined with barbed wire, with the word "Jude" in the middle. This preserves the memory of the armband or cloth patch that Jews were forced to wear in the ghettos of Eastern Europe.

This Guide and the Yellow Candle website are valuable resources for enhancing your observance of Yom HaShoah. Your organization, club or synagogue should strive to enhance the awareness of the Holocaust within your community.

# YOM HASHOAH YELLOW CANDLE™ KEY DATES

# Early Birds!

Save up to \$11 per case\* on quantity discounts for Bulk Candle Cases Starts
With receive FREE Shipping! November 20, 2015
Minimum order of 4 cases

Savings of up to \$11 per case\* with FREE shipping ENDS December

**December 31, 2015** 

\* Minimum order of 4 cases, the more cases that are ordered, the larger the discount, see order form for details.

Savings of up to \$9 per case\*\*- Early Bird Discount ENDS January

**January 20, 2016** 

\*\* Minimum order of 4 cases, the more cases that are ordered, the larger the discount, see order form for details. Free shipping ends December 31, 2015.

Last day to order candles for Direct-Mail shipment

March 1, 2016

Last day to order Bulk Candle Cases of Yellow Candles™

April 1, 2016

To find out more -

Visit us at: www.yellowcandles.org

E-mail us at: info@yellowcandles.org

Call us toll free: 1-800-391-7293

Like us on Facebook at:

https://www.facebook.com/YellowCandles





# **Successful Programming Ideas**

Yom HaShoah is an opportunity to touch peoples' lives! It's an opportunity to broaden the understanding of emerging adults and you can do it! All it takes is a little advanced planning. A list of successful programs follows:

### A Yom HaShoah Commemorative Film Showing

The community is brought together in the synagogue to watch a Holocaust related film or series of films. Each film is briefly introduced prior to its showing. Following the conclusion of the film, a brief discussion is held. In addition to the Yellow Candles™ you distributed have additional ones available. As people leave they are reminded to light theirs or encouraged to take one home with them and make a donation toward future Holocaust education.

A film showing can be used as the basis for an interfaith program or dialog designed to bring teenagers and adults together. Coordinate with your congregation's Post B'nai Mitzvah class or youth groups. You might even have them select the film!

The following companies and their websites distribute or have produced films with Holocaust content. These are independent companies and the FJMC is not responsible for their content. A list of suggested films is found on our website.

- Katahdin Productions -<a href="http://www.katahdin.org/">http://www.katahdin.org/</a>
- Israeli Films http://www.israelifilms.co.il/
- Film Movement http://www.filmmovement.com/
- Menemsha Films <a href="http://www.menemshafilms.com/">http://www.menemshafilms.com/</a>
- National Center for Jewish Film <a href="http://www.jewishfilm.org/">http://www.jewishfilm.org/</a>

### A Special Yom HaShoah Friday evening Commemorative service

In many communities, Holocaust memorial services traditionally take place the evening of Yom HaShoah. By utilizing the Friday evening service closest to Yom HaShoah and adding a few special elements, attendance can be increased and a memorable experience can be created.

Work with your Rabbi and if it applies your Ritual Committee. Compose and send a note to your congregation in advance of the service, requesting that the names of family members who perished during the Shoah be sent to the synagogue, explain these names will be read prior to the recitation of Mourner's Kaddish. When the names are read, all congregants who have sent in names are asked to rise and to say a few words (if they wish) about their departed relative.

Option: Ask them to bring any memorabilia or photographs they might wish to share on display to the synagogue in advance so it can be placed or provide a designated table on the night of the service.

### Youth Essay Contest

Host an essay contest to award teenagers who write essays focused on Holocaust awareness. Consider giving out special citations (the FJMC can supply) to all entrants.

### Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle™ Best Practices - the FJMC Torch Award Winners

To learn how you can implement "best practices" for Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle™ programming please visit either the FJMC website at www.fimc.org or www.yellowcandles .org and read the descriptions of the FJMC Torch Award winners. Successful and easily replicable programs include:

- Expanding Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program to Non-Jewish Organizations
- Faith and Destiny with Rabbi Philip Lazowski
- Holocaust Memorial Garden Renewal Project
- Yom HaShoah 3G Program
- Remember-a-Child
- Project D Remembering a Jewish Town in Belarus
- Model Yellow Candle Distribution and Marketing Plan
- Holocaust Remembrance Day





# **Distributing Candles**

Three ways to distribute Yellow Candles are:

### **Distributing Yellow Candles by Hand**

This is the least expensive method to distribute candles. It is a great way to promote your organization. Some Clubs use father/child delivery teams. Order candles and yellow plastic door bags. Include the same items in the bag as in the boxes prepared for mailing below.

# Distributing Yellow Candles by Direct Mail [available only in the United States]

This is an easy way for an organization to distribute Yellow Candles. Order individual candles (minimum of 100 names) from FJMC, to be delivered directly to your congregant list.

Direct-mail candles will be sent out about four weeks prior to Yom HaShoah. To utilize this option, follow the instructions on the front and reverse of the DIRECT MAIL ORDER FORM enclosed with this guide.

### Distributing Yellow Candles by Regular Mail (Bulk Mail)

This method provides the organization with an opportunity to increase member participation. Order Yellow Candles and mailing boxes. Include the following items in each box with the Yellow Candle:

- A letter from signed by your program chair and Rabbi. <u>Samples</u> are on <u>www .yellowcandles.org.</u>
- Meditations available for download on <u>www.yellowcandles.org</u> or reproduce the inside cover of this guide. Space had been left at the bottom of that page to add text. (ex. – your group's name & website)
- <u>Poetry</u> Rick Black, an FJMC member and poet, has donated three <u>poems</u> that are available for download on <u>www.yellowcandles.org</u>.
- Self-addressed return envelope for voluntary donations.

#### How to Pack for Bulk Non-Profit Mailing

The new U.S. Post Office friendly box will save on postage. The non-profit mailing box size is designed for Post Office automatic processing machines. Boxes are packed 48 to the carton. The complete weight with inserts <u>must</u> not be less than 6 ounces. Insert in the box the following: Yellow Candle; 5 sheets of paper – consider letters from your Rabbi, Cantor, Yom HaShoah Chairman and President of congregation or Men's Club, and/or a meditation; a #10 return envelope; and a rubber band to wrap the letters and envelope around the candle. This will equal 6 oz.

When you take candles to the Post Office, have them weigh 6 candles and divide by 6 for the proper weight. Deliver to post office at least four weeks prior to Yom HaShoah. This allows time for your mailing to be delivered by USPS bulk mail.

# **Ordering Yellow Candles from FJMC**

What did you order last year? This is a good indicator of your basic candle needs. Then think of ways to increase your community involvement. Consider the following:

- Order one Yellow Candle<sup>™</sup> for current household/member in your synagogue or organization.
- Expand your audience include individual and members of other organizations or groups you expect to participate in your community-wide Holocaust programs.
- Send candles to prospective new congregants (involve your membership committee). This may be a great way to attract new members to your congregation.
- Partner with other local institutions such as unaffiliated synagogues, museums, Jewish Community Centers, day schools or churches; share program activities, speakers, or resources, and combine orders to maximize discount savings.
- Set up a Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle<sup>™</sup> display in your lobby or other gathering place to tell the story of Yom HaShoah and the objectives of your Yellow Candle program.
- Use Yellow Candles on the bima or podium as part of your Holocaust memorial programs or services.
- Candles are shipped only in full cases of 48. Divide the total number of candles required by 48 to determine the number of cases to be ordered, rounding up to be sure that you have enough.
- Remember to include with your order the same amount of shipping boxes or plastic bags to accommodate a chosen shipping method (mail or hand delivery.)





# My Club/Synagogue/Organization and I are ready. How do We purchase Yellow Candles™?

- Online ordering on our website at <u>www.yellowcandles.org</u> (Fastest method)
- Faxing an order form with your credit card information to 602-354-8595
- Mailing an order form and check made payable to FJMC or credit card information to:

Yellow Candles PO Box 12582 Scottsdale, AZ 85267

- Order forms are included in this Guide on the last two pages. They may be detached, copied or scanned. One form is for ordering Yellow Candles for bulk delivery. The other is for delivery by Direct Mail. Please read the instructions.
- If you have any questions, please:

Call us toll free at: 1-800-391-7293

E-mail us at: info@yellowcandles.org

# I have the Candles, now what do I do? Suggested planning, Marketing and Delivery Dates

Submit an article to your organization's bulletin or newsletter

February 19, 2016

- Submit text and pictures to your organization's webmaster for inclusion on your organization's website.
- Arrange for calendar notices and reminders to appear in your organization's on-line calendar, weekly e-blasts, bulletin or newsletter, etc. prior to Yom HaShoah.

March 21, 2016

- Arrange for your Rabbi, Spiritual, or Lay Leader to provide a letter of support for your program, to be sent in advance of your candles or included with your candle delivery.
- Submit a press release to Jewish & general local media outlets (printed & web-based.)

April 4, 2016

- Follow-up with telephone calls.
- Provide your Rabbi or organizational leadership with an announcement to read on Shabbat morning or at public events reminding people to light their Yellow Candle™ on Yom HaShoah.
- Encourage the Rabbi and leaders to post & share the announcement through their social media feeds.
- If your organization is distributing the candles by mail: determine deadlines, set up your "packing team," coordinate details for mail distribution.
- Deliver mailing to the Post Office before

April 4, 2016

• If your organization distributes your candles by hand: finalize delivery teams, plan and establish routes. Then do it! – deliver your candles between

April 17 - 24, 2016

 Delivery of Direct-Mail candles sent by the FJMC via standard bulk mail, about four weeks prior to YomHaShoah. Mid-April 2016

Erev Yom HaShoah - light candle after sundown

May 4, 2016

• Yom HaShoah

May 5, 2016

• Share photographs and reports of your program on social media, your website, and in your bulletin or newsletter. Also -

May 4 - 5 & after

Please share them with us on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/YellowCandles

### YOM HASHOAH YELLOW CANDLE™

# **Direct Mail Delivery Order Form & Pricing**

Use this form to place your order by mail accompanied with computer disc or printed mailing list; or by fax with printed mailing list.



Mail to: Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program P.O. Box 12582 Scottsdale, AZ 85267

Fax to: 602-368-6357

Fax orders are credit card only: MasterCard & Visa are accepted

- Catch the "Early Bird" for Direct Mail Orders!
- Place your order before January 20, 2016!
- Direct Mail Deliver Orders have a minimum of 100 candles.
- Bulk delivery order form for cases of Yellow Candles, boxes or bags is the next page in this guide.
- Yellow Candles™ are individually mailed in a white cardboard box to members of your congregation or organization. Each box contains a cover letter from your congregation or organization, including a tear-off form for contributions along with a poem, a meditation and a windowed return envelope.
- Candles will be mailed standard nonprofit bulk mail about four weeks prior to Yom HaShoah.
- Delivery is available only within the United States.
- Directions for preparing the mailing list are on the reverse of this form

For information or help call: 800-391-7293 (after 9am MST) or e-mail info@yellowcandles.org

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Yellow Candles – includes box, letter,		x \$5.50 per candle on orders received by January 20, 2016				
poem, meditation & return envelope.		x \$6 per candle on orders received after January 20, 2016				
Computer Entry Fee – for input from a printed mailing list		x \$.50 (50 cents) per candle				
Data entry from a computer disc/file		No charge if properly formatted per our instructions				
Data reformatting fee - if the submitted						
electronic list is not formatted correctly		\$25 fee.				
Case(s) of Yellow Candles (48/per case)		x \$72/case for 3 cases or less				
Cases are often ordered in conjunction with direct mail and used: by Rabbi & Cantor;		If ordering 4 cases or more in addition to Direct Mail Delivery				
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# Instructions for ordering Yellow Candles for Direct Mail Shipment

Yellow CandlesTM are individually mailed by standard nonprofit bulk mail to members of your congregation or organization about four weeks prior to Yom HaShoah.

A mailing list with same number of names and addresses as there are candles in your order is required. For example, the minimum order is 100 candles, if that is the size of your order then your mailing list should have 100 names and addresses. It can be supplied as an electronic file as described below or a printed list.

### (A) Send a computer disk by postal mail with this order

- On a CD, DVD or thumb drive; in a MS Word table or Excel (.csv) spreadsheet format
- Prepare database fields as follows:

Name, Address, City, State, ZIP (FIVE FIELDS ONLY)

#### **EXAMPLES:**

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Schwartz. 222 Candle Street Apt. 2G. Cleveland. OH. 22222

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Mr. & Mrs. Joe Stein	444 Blue Street	New York	NY	55555

#### Note:

- Only the above file format is acceptable. If any additional fields are included, your data will not be acceptable.
- An additional \$25 charge will be imposed if your data is formatted incorrectly but can be fixed.
- Another file or a printed list will be requested, if the original data is not usable.

# (B) Send a Printed List (typed or computer-generated only – NO hand-writing)

- There is a \$0.50 charge per name, for manual data entry of printed lists.
- Use the same format for information as described above for computer disks (Five fields only, to include: name, street, city, state, Zip).
- Please do not send labels!

### (C) Cover Letter

Only one (1) original of the congregation/organization cover letter is required.

### (D) Tear-Off Form

To facilitate the return of individual contributions to cover the cost of the Yellow Candle program and to support Holocaust commemoration programs, a tear-off form should be added to the bottom of the congregation/organization cover letter. The format for the tear-off form (to be returned in a standard #10 windowed envelope included in the mailing) includes a return address in the lower left so that it will show through the envelope window with space for the donor's name and address on the right. Sample letters with tear-off forms can be found by going on-line to www.yellowcandles.org

# (E) Before Sending Order

- Do all names have complete addresses, including city, state, and ZIP code?
- Does the number of names on the list match the number of candles ordered?
- Are the name, address, phone number, website and other contact info for your organization included?
- Is the letter with tear-off form from your organization included?
- Is full payment for the entire order included?

Need resources? Visit: www.yellowcandles.org

Have questions? Call (800) 391-7293 after 9am (MST) or e-mail - info@yellowcandles.org

# **Bulk Case Shipment Order Form & Pricing**



Use this form as a worksheet before ordering on-line or complete the form and return with payment.

Mail to: Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program P.O. Box 12582 Scottsdale, AZ 85267

Fax to: 602-368-6357

Fax orders are credit card only: MasterCard & Visa are accepted All orders sent by any method must be received by April 1, 2016.

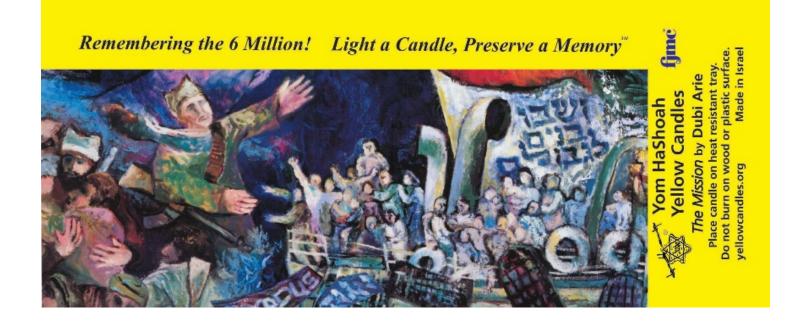
# Best way to catch the "Early Bird" Deadlines! Place your order online today at:

# www.yellowcandles.org

or www.fjmc.org

Website orders are credit card only: MasterCard & Visa are accepted

For information & help call	: 800-391-7	'293 (after 9am MST) or e	-mail: <u>info@yellowo</u>	andles.org			
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Cases of Cardboard Boxes (48 boxes/case)		x \$24/case at all times. Orders	-				
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# www.yellowcandles.org

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- Rabbi
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