

Holocaust Survivor Day Planning Guide

June 4, 2024

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Holocaust Survivor Day Purpose

Vision

We believe in a world in which every Holocaust survivor knows that they are deeply respected, cherished, and loved for contributing to their families, communities, and the world at large.

Mission

Holocaust Survivor Day calls on people everywhere to celebrate survivors' lives, thank survivors for their contributions and their lessons, and respond to help survivors who are in need today.

Impact

Survivors are models of courage and resilience. Holocaust Survivor Day is an opportunity to honor survivors, while learning from their lives and the examples they have set for generations to come.

Context

International Holocaust Remembrance Day and Yom Hashoah are essential to honoring the memory of all people and Jewish life killed and forever scarred by the Holocaust. Holocaust Survivor Day is about celebrating the survivors and everything they continue to teach us.

Holocaust Survivor Day Website

<https://www.holocaustsurvivorday.com/>

Prior Holocaust Survivor Day events have been held in Israel, Krakow, Cleveland, Palm Beach, Las Vegas, Philadelphia, Chicago, Atlanta, Portland, Tucson, Seattle, and New York, among other places.

Program Ideas

Events will take place on or around June 4th, 2024.

Federations, museums, synagogues, schools, Jewish Community Centers, and Jewish human service agencies can begin planning events for Holocaust Survivor Day 2024. This year's events will honor Survivors and connect to the ongoing situation in Israel and global antisemitism. Holocaust Survivor Day events should incorporate themes of resiliency, connections to community and Jewish peoplehood, and generational wisdom.

The following ideas from communities may be helpful to get started.

1. Luncheon for Holocaust Survivors
2. Volunteer event to support Holocaust Survivors
3. Card making event in partnership with a Jewish human service agency
4. Cooking event - make a meal with a Holocaust Survivor
5. Volunteer Delivery - gift baskets or friendly greetings to Holocaust Survivors
6. Proclamation from the Mayor or City Council to honor Holocaust Survivors and Holocaust Survivor Day
7. Art workshop with Holocaust Survivors
8. Photography workshops with Holocaust Survivors
9. Picnic

Branding Recommendations and Guidelines

Branding, templates, and social media posts to promote events will be provided.

Contact

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