



What is Yom HaShoah?

A social story for Yom HaShoah



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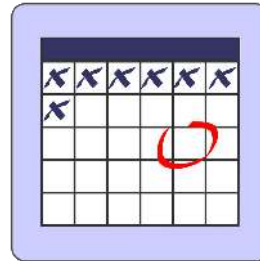
Yom HaShoah is a day when Jewish people take extra time to honor the memories of the Jewish people who died during the Holocaust, also known as the Shoah.



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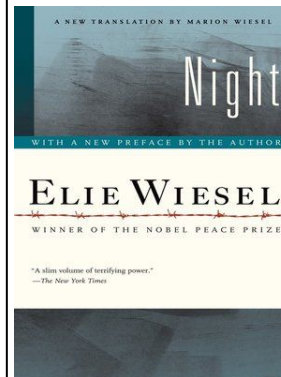
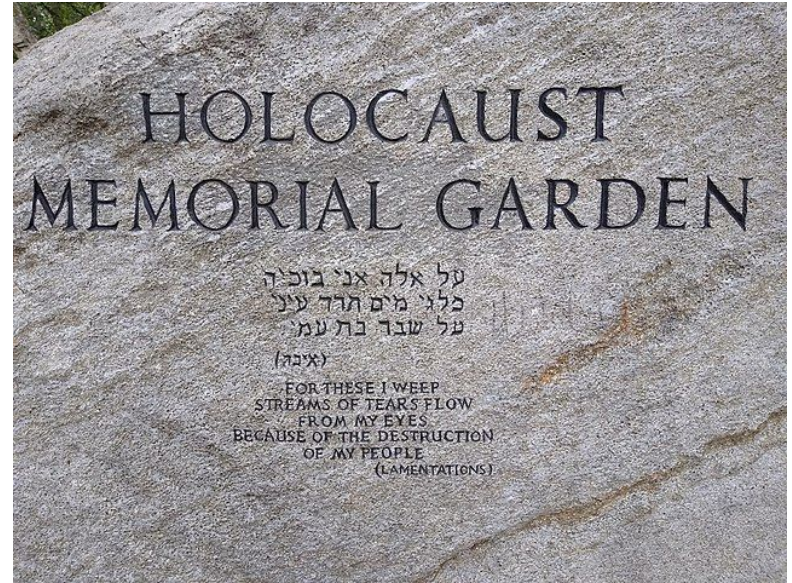
Yom HaShoah
happens every year
on the 27th day of
the Jewish month of
Nisan, usually in the
springtime.



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It is a day when we visit memorials, say prayers, and listen to the stories of those who survived the Holocaust.



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On Yom HaShoah, I
can think about how
grateful I am to be
Jewish in a country
that protects
everyone's right to
practice their own
religion.



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Yom HaShoah is usually a quiet day. It's different from other Jewish holidays, when we might have parties or celebrations. Many people spend the day praying, or reading the stories of Shoah survivors.



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Many grown-ups will recite a prayer called the Mourner's Kaddish. It's a special prayer that honors G-d and asks for peace for everyone.



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Other ways people might mark the day are by lighting a special memorial candle called a Yartzheit candle that burns for 25 hours.



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Yom HaShoah is a sad day, and can be upsetting to honor. If I need to take a break, I can tell my parents “I need a break.”



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I can find quiet things
to do on Yom HaShoah
like take walks, do
puzzles, and read
books.



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Yom HaShoah is an important Jewish holiday. It honors the people we have lost and reminds us to take pride in being Jewish.



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