

A Yom Hashoah Prayer Before Lighting the Memorial Candle

To the Six Million:

Seventy-odd years ago you were swept up by the whirlwind. Yet always we remember you. And tonight we mourn. We mourn how you, brothers and sisters in the Jewish people, were stolen from us and how your lives were stolen from you. We mourn what you were destined to become: writers, scientists, politicians, and composers; parents, teachers, agitators, defenders, champions of our people. As we light this candle tonight, we remember you. We honor your lives and your good deeds. We sanctify your good names. We light a candle and we bless your memory.

--Rabbi John Franken