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Dear Friends:

In remembrance of *Yom Hashoah* – the day dedicated to remembering the Holocaust, Kol Amigos (Kol Ami's Brotherhood), asks you and your family to gather and light this candle on the evening of April 11th, *Erev Yom Hashoah*. You are welcome to join our Community at 1:00 p.m. on April 12th at the JCC for our *Yom Hashoah* Commemoration.

The Holocaust is a searing part of our collective memory. It connects us to Jews and non-Jews throughout the world who suffered unimaginable loss, and yet endured. It is an occasion to think and perhaps talk about the wounds of discrimination; the yellow candle reminds us of the yellow stars that Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi regime. But it also reminds us that light *can* triumph over dark –as long as we commit to remembering the tragedies that have befallen us and to work in service of justice.

Here is a blessing you might choose to say once the candle is lit:

We remember what happens when hate takes hold of the human heart and turns it to stone; what happens when victims cry for help and there is no one listening; what happens when humanity fails to recognize that all of us are created in God's image.

We remember and honor the survivors.

We remember and honor the victims.

We remember and give thanks for the righteous heroes who teach us how in the darkest night we can light a candle of hope.

Today, on Yom HaShoah, we ask you God, to help us hear Your voice that says in every generation:

Do not murder.

Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor.

Do not oppress the stranger.

We know that while we cannot change the past, we can change the future.

And so, on this Yom HaShoah, we commit ourselves to this: Yizkor,
Remember.

And we pray for *shalom*—for wholeness and peace

Oshe Shalom Bimromav Hu Ya'ase Shalom Alayuna vAl Kol Yisrael

L'Shalom,

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