



Remembering the Children: A Celebration of Life

4-5 weeks before your Bar/Bat Mitzvah (We recommend even earlier):

- Do some research and try to find a person to twin with who was a child between 1933 and 1945. Research your family history to see if you have a connection to the Holocaust. (see page two for guidance)
- Our Holocaust Center Senior Education Fellow will be in touch with you and your family to assist you in picking a twin.
- With help from our Senior Education Fellow, you will try to identify as much as you can about that child – and discover why you feel connected to this child.
- You will be formally twinned with that child, via a certificate from the Holocaust Center
- ***A meeting, if possible, with a Holocaust survivor to hear their story***
- Your project will be incorporated into your Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony in a meaningful way. This could include your rabbi, survivor or local community leader presenting you the certificate with a short explanation of what you had learned

2-4 months after your Bar/Bat Mitzvah:

- You will prepare a personal page for a Holocaust Center created on-line resource that describes your family history, your twin's history (whatever you can find) and what it means personally to you to have chosen your twin
- Throughout the year, you will have the chance to attend Holocaust themed events and exhibits

Registration Fee: \$36 Please make check payable to the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh
Mail to 242 McKee Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 Attn: Rachel Herman, Program Coordinator



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OPTIONAL RESEARCH:

We ask that all families investigate their own family history and discover where their relatives were during 1933-1945. Your research will provide a personal, historical and meaningful connection for you through your family connections, research and mentors. This information will be added to the fabric that is the Pittsburgh Jewish Community and be a valuable tool for generations to come. Use the enclosed 5 Generation Ancestor Chart and the questions below to get the conversation started.

Discover:

1. Your family tree. Use the enclosed five generation ancestor chart. (Ask your parents and grandparents, they will love to tell their childhood stories)

2. Where was your family during 1933-1945? What country/countries?

3. Were they directly affected by the Holocaust? Had they escaped?

4. What brought them to Pittsburgh?

5. Why do you feel connected to this family member?

Below is a list of helpful on-line resources to get your research started:

- U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum – Washington, D.C. www.ushmm.org
- The Rauh Archives <http://jewishhistoryhhc.org/>
- Yad Vashem <http://db.yadvashem.org/names/search.html?language=en>
- Ancestry.com
- Museum of Tolerance | Children of the Holocaust <http://bit.ly/9cNkhB>



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REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out and return to the Holocaust Center along with payment in the enclosed envelope

Participant's Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home phone:

Participant E-mail:

Parents names:

Parents e-mail:

School:

Congregation:

Date of Bar/Bat Mitzvah:

Return this form and a **\$36 Participation Fee** made payable to:

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