

PARK EAST SYNAGOGUE  
AND  
UNITED NATIONS  
INTERNATIONAL  
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

*Virtual Service*

76<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ (JANUARY 27, 1945)



HIS EXCELLENCY ANTONIO GUTERRES  
SECRETARY-GENERAL, UNITED NATIONS

RABBI ARTHUR SCHNEIER  
“SURVIVORS’ PLEA - HOLOCAUST EDUCATION”

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# VIRTUAL SERVICE

*Presiding*

**Rabbi Arthur Schneier**

*Senior Rabbi, Park East Synagogue; Founder and President,  
Appeal of Conscience Foundation*

**Mizmor L'David – The Lord is my Shepherd (Psalm 23)**

*Park East Synagogue Choir; Russell Ger, Conductor*

**Shema Yisrael – Hear 'O Israel (Keynote Prayer)**

**Etz Chaim – Tree of Life**

*Cantor Benny Rogosnitzky*

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**Kel Maleh Rachamim – Memorial Prayer**

*Chief Cantor Yitzchak Meir Helfgot*

**Memorial Kaddish**

*Rabbi Arthur Schneier*

**Ani Ma'amin – Prayer of Faith**

**Ose Shalom – A Prayer for Peace**

*Children of the Rabbi Arthur Schneier Park East Day School  
and Park East Synagogue*

*Nadav, Asaf, Yuval Osterweil, Sophie Gut, Larkin Horowitz and Danielle Rapport*

*Violinist: Yuval Osterweil - Pianist: Sam Nakon*





*Vice President Joseph R. Biden  
with Rabbi Arthur Schneier at Warsaw Ghetto Memorial  
October 18, 2009*



*Rabbi Arthur Schneier led the United Nations General Assembly in the recitation of Kaddish, the Jewish memorial prayer, on the United Nations International Holocaust Remembrance Day, on January 27, 2020. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General, Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the UN General Assembly and Dan Pavel Doghi, Senior Adviser on Roma and Sinti issues for the OSCE in Europe lit candles with Holocaust survivors.*

“The General Assembly today decided that the United Nations will designate 27 January - the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp - as an annual International Day of Commemoration to honour the victims of the Holocaust, and urged Member States to develop educational programmes to instill the memory of the tragedy in future generations to prevent genocide from occurring again.

Rejecting any denial of the Holocaust as a historical event, either in full or in part, the 191-member Assembly adopted by consensus a resolution condemning “without reserve” all manifestations of religious intolerance, incitement, harassment or violence against persons or communities based on ethnic origin or religious belief, whenever they occur.”

*Resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly  
on the Holocaust Remembrance (A/RES/60/7, 1 November 2005)*



## HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Dr. Magdalena Berenyi  
William Z. and Lucille Bernheim  
Lilly Bloch  
Sol and Martha Eckstein  
Michael and Florence Edelstein  
Marcelle Faust  
Dr. Tibor Gonda  
Eugenia Greenberg  
Martin Greenfield  
Joseph Guttman  
Rose Holm  
Henry and Gloria Jacobs  
Rose Katz  
Trudi Kissiloff  
Miriam Knobloch  
Sally Kohane

Basia Kuperman  
Zoltan and Judith Lefkovits  
Rose Lefkowitz  
Edward Mosberg  
Rose Moskowitz  
Ann Newmark  
Robert Nussbaum  
Jack Oltuski  
Jack and Sally Pomeranc  
Etelka Preisler  
Dr. Sigmund Rolat  
Carole Roth  
Rabbi Arthur Schneier  
Sephora Stein  
Dr. Ruth Westheimer  
Elizabeth Wilf

### PSALM 23

מְזֻמֹּר לְדוֹד ה' רֵעִי לֹא אֶחְסֶר: בְּנְאוֹת דָּשָׂא  
יִרְבִּיצֵנִי עַל מֵי מְנַחֹת יִנְהַלְנִי: נַפְשִׁי יִשׁוּבֵב  
יִנְחֵנִי בַּמַּעְגְּלִי צֶדֶק לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ: גַּם כִּי אֶלֶף  
בְּגִיא צִלְמוֹת לֹא אִירָא רַע כִּי אֶתָּה עֲמָדִי  
שִׁבְטֶךָ וּמִשְׁעַנְתֶּךָ הִמָּה יִנְחַמְנִי: תַּעֲרֹךְ לִפְנֵי  
שְׁלֹחַן נֹגֵד צִרְרֵי דַשְׁנֹת בְּשִׁמֹן רֵאשִׁי כּוֹסֵי  
רוּיָה: אֵף טוֹב וְחֶסֶד יִרְדְּפוּנִי כָּל יְמֵי חַיִּי  
וְשִׁבְתִּי בְּבַיִת ה' לְאֶרְךָ יָמִים:

Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of Death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



# DIPLOMATS WHO SAVED JEWS DURING THE HOLOCAUST



**Ho Feng-Shan**

*Consul-General of the Republic of China  
Vienna 1938 during WWII*

*Risked his life and career to save more than 3,000 Jews by issuing them visas, disobeying the instruction of his superiors.*



**Carl Lutz**

*Vice-Consul of Switzerland  
Budapest 1942 - end of WWII*

*Saved over 62,000 Jews,  
the largest rescue operation  
of Jews of WWII.*



**Angelo Rotta**

*Apostolic Nuncio  
Budapest at the end of WWII*

*His humanitarian intervention  
helped save Jews during the  
height of Nazi and Hungarian  
Arrow Cross oppression.*



**Angel Sanz Briz**

*First Secretary of the Spanish  
Legation Budapest*

*Spanish diplomat during  
World War II who saved the lives of  
some 5,000 Hungarian Jews from  
deportation to Auschwitz.*



**Raoul Wallenberg**

*Special Envoy of Sweden  
Budapest (July-December 1945)*

*Issued protective passports and  
sheltered Jews in buildings  
designated as Swedish territory.  
He is credited with saving tens of  
thousands of Jews.*



**Chiune Sugihara**

*Vice Consul for the Japan  
Lithuania during WWII*

*Rescue of 5,558 Jews during the  
Holocaust by issuing transit visas to  
them so that they could travel  
through Japanese territory, risking  
his job and his family's lives.*



**Aristides de Sousa Mendes**

*Portuguese Consul-General  
French city of Bordeaux, 1938*

*Defied the orders of Ant3nio de Oliveira Salazar's  
Estado Novo regime, issuing visas and passports  
to refugees and courageously stated:*

***"And so, I declare that I shall give, free of charge, a visa to whoever shall request it.  
My desire is to be with God against man rather than with man against God."***



**Dimitar Peshev**

*Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of  
Bulgaria and Minister of Justice (1935-1936)*

*He rebelled against the pro-Nazi cabinet and  
prevented the deportation of Bulgaria's  
48,000 Jews*

*- Aristides de Sousa Mendes*



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**“ANTI-SEMITISM IS A CANCER THAT WAS IN REMISSION AND NOW HAS METASTASIZED.”**

- Rabbi Arthur Schneier



United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres calls for united action against anti-semitism following Pittsburgh Tree of Life Synagogue attack. Rabbi Arthur Schneier organized the United Against Hate Interfaith gathering with Cardinal Timothy Dolan and leaders of major faith communities. October 31, 2018.



New York City Mayor, Bill de Blasio at Park East Synagogue after the horrific attack in Pittsburgh, expresses solidarity of all New Yorkers with the Pittsburgh Jewish community. Rabbi Schneier appealed to City and State officials to expand funding for security protection of houses of worship, Saturday, October 27, 2018.



Leaders of major faith communities join the Children of the Rabbi Arthur Schneier Park East Day School on the Bimah as they light 11 memorial candles in memory of the victims and sing the prayer for Peace "Oseh Shalom", Wednesday, October 31, 2018.



Appeal of Conscience Foundation delegation delegation Ambassador Earle Mack, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, and Governor George Pataki express gratitude to Pittsburgh Police Chief Scott Shubert and law enforcement agencies, and visit the injured police officers and congregants of the Tree of Life Synagogue at Pittsburgh Presbyterian Hospital. Sunday, October 28, 2018



Strasbourg 2007: Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe - Rabbi Arthur Schneier warns about the rise of xenophobia and anti-semitism in Europe, pleads for peaceful coexistence and mutual respect and acceptance.



Rabbi Arthur Schneier, Vienna born Holocaust Survivor, delivers the keynote address in the Austrian Parliament commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Kristallnacht, November 9, 2018.



## LIBERATION OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS OF THE ALLIED FORCES



*U.S. Army Corporal Larry Matinsk puts cigarettes into the extended hands of newly liberated prisoners behind a stockade in the Allach concentration camp.*



*A young female concentration camp survivor is interviewed by a British relief officer while standing in front of a military jeep in Bergen-Belsen.*



*Soviet troops inspect the crematoria at the Majdanek concentration camp after the liberation.*



*Group portrait of a Soviet soldier and liberated prisoners, some holding weapons, in the Buchenwald concentration camp.*



*Residents of Treebeek welcome a Canadian tank who is liberating the village*



*French officers who have come to inspect the Mauthausen concentration camp after it was liberated by the US Army.*

## שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ ה' אֶחָד:

Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one.

*The Torah is truly an Etz Chaim - A Tree of Life. It stands as a living testament to the survival of the Jewish People assured by the transmission of our heritage from generation to generation.*

עץ חיים היא למחזיקים בה, ותמכיה מאשר.  
 דרכיה דרכי נעם, וכל נתיבותיה שלום.  
 השיבנו ה' אליך ונשובה חדש ימינו כקדם.

It is a tree of life for those who grasp it and its supporters are praiseworthy. Its ways are ways of pleasantness and all its paths are peace. Bring us back to You, Hashem, and we shall return, renew our days as of old.

### MEMORIAL PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST AND TERROR

אל מלא רחמים שוכן במרומים. המצא מנוחה נכונה על כנפי השכינה. במעלות קדושים וטהורים כזהר הרקיע מזהירים את כל הנשמות של ששת מליוני היהודים חללי השואה באירופה שנהרגו, שנסחטו, שנסרפו ונספפו על קדוש השם. לכן בעל הרחמים יסתירם בסתר כנפיו לעולמים. ויצרור בצרור החיים את נשמתיהם. ה' הוא נחלתם. בגן עדן תהא מנוחתם. ויעמדו לגורלם לקץ הימין. ונאמר אמן:

God, full of mercy and compassion, grant rest for the souls of six million Jews, and all other victims of the Holocaust, who were cruelly murdered. Spread your sheltering canopy over them. Let their souls be bound up in the bonds of eternal life. May their memories inspire us to serve You and our fellow human beings. Father of mercy remember them with compassion who were faithful in life and in death. Amen.



## RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS SITES (A/RES/55/254, 31 MAY 2001)



From left: His Excellency Archbishop Renato R. Martino, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer, Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to UN, Reverend Dr. Fred Anderson, Pastor, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Imam Mohammad Ostafo Ibrahim Jumeiah, Director of Religious and Cultural Affairs, Islamic Center of New York, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America



United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres mandates the UN Alliance of Civilizations High Representative Mr. Miguel Moratinos to help implement the UN General Assembly Resolution A/75/L.54 for a Plan of Actions to Safeguard Religious Sites adopted on January 21, 2021, and to be the UN Focal Point to monitor anti-Semitism. From Left: H.E. Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York, H.E. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, Member of the High Level Group and Ambassador of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, H.E. Archbishop Elpidophoros, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America



UNAOC - Promoting Tolerance and Reconciliation  
UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon addressed religious leaders on April 22, 2015

## MEMORIAL KADDISH



יִתְגַּדֵּל וַיִּתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. אָמֵן:  
בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרַעוּתִיהּ,  
וַיְמַלִּיד מַלְכוּתִיהּ בְּחַיִּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן  
וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל.  
בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:  
יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמַי  
וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַי: יִתְבָּרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח  
וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיִּתְרוֹמֵם וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא וַיִּתְהַדָּר  
וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא  
בְּרִידָהּ הוּא: לְעֵלָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא  
וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא וְנַחֲמְתָּא, דְאִמְרוּ  
בְּעֵלְמָא, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן: יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא  
רַבָּא מִן שְׁמֵיָא, וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל  
כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

*This Torah Scroll was rescued through the efforts of a righteous individual in 1939, when the Nazis entered Poland and began their campaign of murder and destruction. It has been donated to Park East Synagogue by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Mosberg in memory of Harry and Judith Wilf, Sidney Wilf, and the Six Million Jews who perished in the Shoah.*

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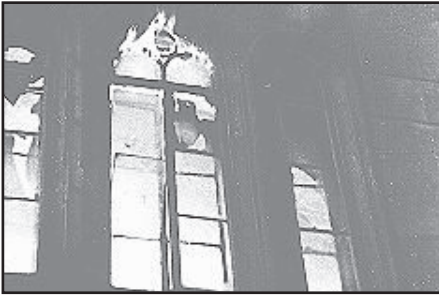
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The Neue Weltgasse synagogue burns during the Kristallnacht pogrom. Vienna, Austria, November 9, 1938



At the Tree of Life Synagogue, Rabbi Arthur Schneier leading in prayer of the 23rd psalm, with Ambassador Ronald Lauder, President of the World Jewish Congress

**"Where they burn books, they will also, in the end, burn human beings"**  
- Heinrich Heine from his play "Almanzor" in 1821

**"The past cannot be reversed, it must be remembered, today - we can help shape the future"**

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Srebrenica-Potocari, Bosnia and Herzegovina

## אֲנִי מֵאֲמִין

Maimonides: 12th Principle of Faith

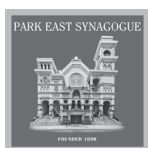
אֲנִי מֵאֲמִין בְּאִמוּנָה שְׁלֵמָה בְּבִיאַת הַמָּשִׁיחַ,  
וְאֵף עַל פִּי שְׂתִמְחֵמָהּ, עִם כָּל זֶה אֶחְכֶּה לוֹ  
בְּכָל יוֹם שְׂיבֹא.

I believe with complete faith in the coming of the Messiah, and even though he may delay, nevertheless I anticipate every day his coming.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא בְּרַחֲמָיו יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם  
עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

He who makes peace in His heights, may He make peace upon us, and upon all of Israel,  
Now respond: Amen.





## PARK EAST SYNAGOGUE

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For the past one hundred and thirty one years, Park East Synagogue has been a bedrock of the Jewish community of New York City and beyond - through Jewish education, worship, revival of cantorial arts, communal solidarity with World Jewry and The State of Israel. The synagogue's influence, strength and dynamism in the community derive from the members of our congregation that also included two Mayors of the City of New York, Abe Beame and Ed Koch.

Park East Synagogue, under the leadership of Rabbi Arthur Schneier has been a leader in the struggle for Soviet Jewry, the advancement of Holocaust Remembrance and a rallying center for interreligious advocacy in the fight against the spread of anti-Semitism in Europe and the United States. Our synagogue hosted two Secretaries General of the U.N. In 2008, Park East Synagogue hosted Pope Benedict XVI, for the first ever Papal visit to a synagogue in the U.S. and also hosted the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, Patriarch Alexey I of Moscow, Grand Muftis of Central Asia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sheikh-ul-Islam Allahshukur Pashazadeh, Chairman, Caucasus Muslims' Board and Mustafa Ceric.



## APPEAL OF CONSCIENCE FOUNDATION

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The Appeal of Conscience Foundation, founded by Rabbi Arthur Schneier in 1965, has worked on behalf of religious freedom and human rights throughout the world.

To uphold the principle of "live and let live" is the Appeal of Conscience Foundation's continuing goal. An interfaith coalition of business, religious and foreign policy leaders, this international organization promotes mutual understanding, peace and interreligious cooperation and provides a voice of conscience to protect minorities.

The Foundation believes that freedom, democracy, and human rights are the fundamental values that give nations of the world their best hope for peace, security and shared prosperity.

