



One More Candle

Brings Light to Darkness



OUR VISION

Our vision, our hope, all depends on you.

Simply stated, One More Candle needs you to adopt a memory, a child to honor as though having been one of your own family.

There are many ways to do so. You can light a candle yearly on the anniversary of their passing, saying the child's name out loud, saying a prayer, going to synagogue.

Other honoring mitzvot (blessings) could include making a donation to One More Candle or a charity of your choice, doing an act of kindness, volunteering at a food bank, or sharing with others the honor you have accepted. These are just some of the many ways in which you can honor this adopted memory and bring light into the darkness.



OUR STORY

There are times in one's life when one recognizes a calling larger than themselves and that is what One More Candle is.

My name is Jacquie Seipp and this is One More Candle's story.

Step One.

More than a decade ago at Yom Kippur High Holy Day services while remembering the Shoah (Holocaust). The story of the ninety-three girls caught me in a way that I had not felt before. The story is that ninety-three girls chose to take their own lives rather than allowing their bodies to be used and desecrated as sexual objects for Nazi officers. Their last plea was "all we ask is, say Kaddish (prayers) for us. For all ninety-three, say Kaddish."

The weight of the request was overwhelming and grew as each year passed. What to do? And how to do it? There are 1.5 million children and more, who were slaughtered, the majority of them along with their families. If I could get people to light a candle for each of the murdered children of whom we have information, then we would be able to honor the death wish of the 93 girls.

The thought of One More Candle began.

Step Two.

When something is right it flows easily. I ran the idea past my Rabbi. He thought it was a wonderful idea. That gave me encouragement. Upon realizing that the idea had potential, I opened myself up to saying it out loud.

As it happens, I had the good fortune of meeting Yaron Ashkenazi, who, at the time was the Executive Director, and Klara Romm, who had been the Chief Operating Officer, of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem in Toronto. After a brief sharing and a general overview of what the project would look like, the idea found great acceptance from both of these people.

Step Three.

My next question was “how am I going to get this done?” The concept seemed to be well received, but how does it get done? Fortuitously, I met Chris Yaren, a mover and a shaker of all things forward thinking. More acceptance and more reinforcement!

Sadly, my Mother passed away in January 2016.

From sad things, good things can happen.

While visiting during Shiva (first week of mourning) Chris stopped by, along with others. Having a captive audience, I shared my thoughts with them all. Suddenly the room was alive with excitement.

Discussions ensued, ideas flew. My husband Todd suggested later, that if the idea was a football, it could not have been tossed around more quickly. Possibility of funding, future goals, involvement through synagogues, schools, and what steps to take to make it a reality...
DIVINE TIMING!

It sounded possible... I could almost see it. The idea formed, and reformed in my mind. Attending an incredible one man play, Wiesenthal, by Tom Dugan helped solidify the idea.

The story is about an ordinary man who acted extraordinarily to bring light to the darkness of the Holocaust. Mr. Wiesenthal always had a sunflower on his desk as he searched for the murderers of 6 million Jews. It was a constant reminder of the senseless murder of millions, and why he needed to do what he was doing; reminding the world and bringing the perpetrators of the genocide to justice.

At each show's end, as Wiesenthal leaves the stage, he takes the sunflower, and gently hands it to one in the audience.

Receiving that sunflower broke me. I knew that One More Candle was bashert (meant to be), and that I, an ordinary woman, have been divinely given an extraordinary task.

One More Candle took form in April 2016.

The opportunity to give honor to memory shadows and the recognition of lives lived with joy and happiness which were torn from their futures, is what One More Candle is all about. The fact is that these children lived, loved the twinkle of stars, splashed in puddles, heard birds sing, smiled and laughed at dancing butterflies – and their light was extinguished by hatred, lies, and Xenophobic misconceptions.

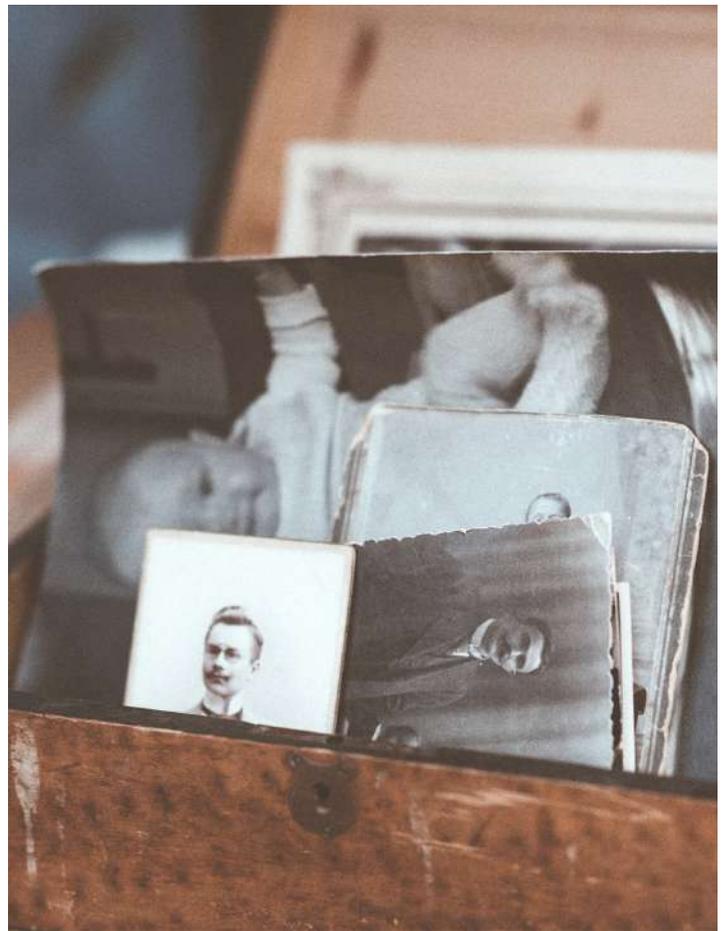
With the help and encouragement of the aforementioned people and all those who share the vision, the memory of 1.5 million children, including the ninety-three girls, will be honored.

WHO WE ARE

Divine timing has brought together an incredible group of people who are stridently taking steps with sensitivity and respect towards honoring the memories of the 1.5 million children murdered in the Shoah (Holocaust).

Each Shoah (Holocaust) victim has a name. Some names may not have been said out loud by a person in over 75 years. One More Candle gives you the opportunity to adopt a memory so that a murdered child has someone to remember that they lived, giving light to darkness by saying his or her name out loud or by simply lighting just One More Candle every year.

We are a registered charity. Tax receipts are available. There is no charge to adopt a memory. Donations are graciously accepted. All funds collected contribute to our goal of remembering and honoring the memory of children murdered in the Shoah.



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OUR VALUES

One More Candle (OMC) respectfully values the recognition of the interconnectedness of the past, present, and the future in the support and caring of children. From generation to generation. L'dor v'dor.

With all the hurtfulness and hatefulness that seems to overwhelm our world today, OMC gives each of us the opportunity to do something positive by recognizing a singular life that was lost and be able to stand up for those who are presently being sacrificed yet again in our world.

One person can make a difference.

One More Candle proves that.

ADOPT A MEMORY



You are offered the opportunity to adopt the memory of a child whose life was cut short by hubris and deep seated human evil.

One must take personal responsibility and answer the call to action in order to bring light to darkness.

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Upon adopting your child of memory, you are encouraged to light a candle on the yahrtzeit (the anniversary) of the child's passing.

You can also add your adopted memory's name to the yearly yahrtzeit list at your synagogue.

Lighting a candle in honor of those who have passed is a centuries old tradition in many faiths allowing expression for what we cannot communicate with words.

With each candle, the life of a child who lived, and was murdered, is remembered and honored.

A single candle is a symbol of the human spirit and brings light to darkness.

The Hebrew calendar dates change yearly to the Gregorian calendar. Therefore, we encourage you to look at hebc.com or call a synagogue.



• Do a Mitzvah •

Mitzvot are good deeds, blessings, commandments. The gift of a mitzvah is more a gift to the giver than it is to the receiver.

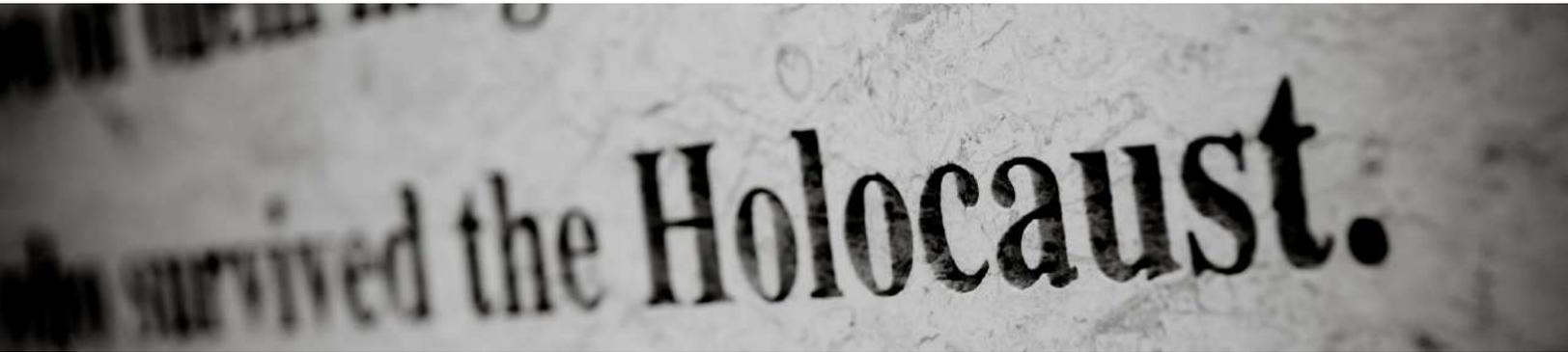
You may choose to honor the memory of your adopted child by doing a mitzvah: feed the poor, do a kindness for a stranger, donate to the Yahrtzeit Fund at your synagogue or to One More Candle. There are many ways to do a mitzvah. There is no way that is more important than another.



It's said that one should perform as many mitzvot as there are seeds in a pomegranate.

WHAT YOU CAN LEARN

The Shoah was a crime against all humankind. Education is a key component in combating the various forms of intolerance that still regrettably persist in our world today. Our hope is that our educational efforts will not only bring darkness to light, but will fortify our collective resolve to counter intolerance in its many forms. **For more resources, visit onemorecandle.org/what-you-can-learn/**



OUR FRIENDS

We are grateful to our committed supporters for their efforts and contributions to One More Candle. OMC is also very thankful each individual who has taken the opportunity to perform the mitzvah of adopting a Shoah child of memory. Through our determination and your support, remembering the past can also help in educating present and future generations by the act of personal involvement. All it takes is just One More Candle. We invite you to join One More Candle by choosing to adopt a memory, and by sharing our website with others.



BAR/ BAT MITZVAH

Becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah symbolizes your coming of age and the beginning of life as a fully participating Jewish adult. You now can perform the important duties of Jewish life. Through One More Candle, you have the opportunity to adopt the memory of a child who perished in the Shoah. We hope that you will commit to honoring the memory of your adopted child on their yahrzeit throughout your lifetime.

DONATE

We are a registered charity. Tax receipts are available. There is no charge to adopt a memory. Donations are graciously accepted. All funds collected contribute to our goal of remembering and honoring the memory of children murdered in the Shoah. Cheques can be made payable to: One More Candle, Inc. 295 Elm St., Winnipeg, MB, R3M 3N6 or by e-transfer to: jacquie@onemorecandle.org



DONATE IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY

If you wish to donate in honor or in memory of someone, you may request a card to be sent to the individual. Please contact jacquie@onemorecandle.org for this to be arranged.



Testimonies

“Winnipeg and Congregation Shaarey Zedek are honoured to be furthering the progress of the One More Candle program. The program seeks to memorialize the million and a half children that were victims in the Holocaust. We memorialize one child at a time through a very simple ritual in which we light a candle and we say the Mourner’s Kaddish on the yahrtzeit, the anniversary, of the death of the child. Knowing their name, reciting the Kaddish, lighting the light, is a way of uplifting the soul of the child victim and also uplifting our own souls. So this worthy program is actually a spiritual technique, one that one can practice for ethical reasons, for the reasons of history, but also for the reasons of healing the great wound that was inflicted on humanity through the horror of the Holocaust and so hopefully this is a way that we can all participate in a very simple way in the general process of healing the world, uplifting the world, and preventing future tragedies from occurring again.”

- Rabbi Alan Green, Congregation Shaarey Zedek

“When the One More Candle project was introduced to our synagogue, it really resonated very personally with me. My mother was a Holocaust survivor. She and her mother survived a number of different camps. My father also had family in the Holocaust. His parents and a couple of siblings survived, but many of his siblings were killed in the Holocaust. When I found out that a million and a half children were murdered in the Holocaust and did not survive, I thought this project really was a very important one for us to look at. I immediately took on a name that I will say Kaddish for in perpetuity and I think it’s extremely important that we as our generation and future generations continue to do that. Many of our congregants have done the same – they’ve taken a name and make sure that the name will be remembered while they’re still here and not forgotten. So it’s a project that I think has really become a very important one in our community and our synagogue as well and we hope that it continues for many, many years to come.”

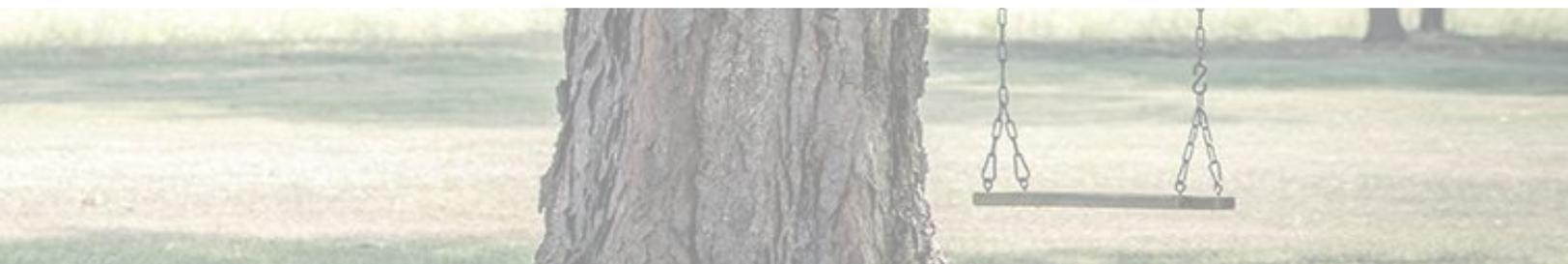
- Bill Weissman, Shammes, Lay Clergy, Congregation Shaarey Zedek

"I was so pleased to support this project. When given Tibi’s name it was B’shert! There is a possibility that my grandfather's last name may have been the same as our One More Candle child. Tibi will no longer be forgotten. I will always say Kaddish for him."

- Louise, Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood

"I just attended a Shabbat Service at Shaarey Zedek and said Kaddish for Sofya. It was very moving to hear her name read by the Rabbi. Thank you for introducing me to her. B'Shalom." -
Marah, Shaarey Zedek Synagogue congregant

“OMC is a wonderful organization, offering a beautiful opportunity to connect the hearts of the living with those lost in the Shoah.” - Tom Dugan – playwright Wiesenthal



L'dor V'dor Generation to Generation

Only through remembrance
can the lives sacrificed in the Holocaust be honored.

Only through remembrance
can the lives being hunted and murdered today be honored.

Only through remembrance can we help bring peace to the future.

May this not only be an act of remembrance, which it is,
let it be a remembrance to act, which it must be.

You can help change the present and the future
for countless children.



Adopt a memory. Adopt now.

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We are committed to one simple act: Remember.



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