

**Holocaust Memorial Service at Temple Beth Torah**  
**Features Holocaust Survivor on Friday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm**

*(note early start time)*

Temple Beth Torah will honor the memory of those who lost their lives in the Holocaust with a special service on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm (please note earlier start time). Rabbi Dan Gordon will lead the service with cantorial soloist Anita Bonanno. Ms. Bonanno's beautiful singing will help set the tone for the evening, as the temple's annual commemorative service attracts a diverse community to pay tribute to victims and survivors of the most horrific time in history.

Temple Beth Torah is honored to have Holocaust survivor, Louise Stopnicki Joskowitz. Louise was born in Krakow, Poland and lived with her parents and brother, Sol. Life changed for the Stopnicki family and their whole community on September 1, 1939 when Germany invaded Poland. Life got even worse in March of 1941, when they were confined to the Krakow ghetto. Louise's parents were separated from their children and from each other by the Nazis, with her mother sent to Auschwitz and her father to Mauthausen. Both her parents were murdered in the camps, but Louise and her brother, miraculously survived. After being liberated by Russian troops in 1945, Louise met Rubin Joskowitz, another Polish survivor, in a Displaced Persons camp, and they were married for 63 years before he passed away in 2010.

Pepi Nichols, Louise and Rubin's eldest daughter, will join her mother at Temple Beth Torah, and add unique insights from a second-generation survivor.

Yom Ha Shoah was established by the Israeli government in the early 1950's to build awareness both for Israelis and the worldwide community. It is the 27<sup>th</sup> of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar, a week after the end of Passover. Countless observances occur during this season to help pay tribute to the memory of those who died in the Holocaust, as well as honor those who were able to survive to tell their stories. Temple Beth Torah is fortunate to have been able to host a different Holocaust Survivor every year. The May 3rd 7:00 pm service is open to all and will combine Sabbath worship with remembering the Holocaust. The Temple will provide complimentary childcare with reservations by May 1st, and refreshments will be served following the service. Hy Penn and Lynn Gordon are sponsoring the program, music and refreshments in loving memory of Hy's parents and grandmother, Holocaust survivors Linda Penn, Morris I. Penn and Riva Kremer.