



**Council of Christians and Jews  
Western Australia Inc.**

## **KRISTALLNACHT COMMEMORATION**

**2:30pm, Sunday 9 November 2025**

**Sylvia and Harry Hoffman Hall  
Carmel Primary School  
Woodrow Avenue, Yokine**

**87th anniversary of the 'Night of Broken Glass'  
9 November 1938**

when Nazis stormed through  
Germany, Austria, and the Sudetenland,  
smashing the windows of Jewish businesses,  
burning synagogues and killing Jews —  
foreshadowing the mass extermination of the  
Shoah/Holocaust.



**Synagogue in Bielefeld Westphalia on 10 November 1938**

## ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

- MC, Professor Rowan Strong, Chair CCJWA announces the arrival of the official party: H.E. the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM, Governor of Western Australia, and Patron of CCJWA; Mrs Dawson; and Aide, accompanied by Revd Marie Wilson (Vice-Chair, CCJWA), and asks **ALL TO STAND** until members of the official party are seated.
- As they enter, 'Theme from Schindler's List', by John Williams, is played by cellist James Maley.
- MC: Welcome Speech: *Acknowledgements and Apologies*
- *The Prayer for Our Country* is led by His Excellency the Governor.

O GUARDIAN of life and liberty,  
may our nation always merit Your protection.  
Help us remember those who have lived in this land before us,  
and those who have made it their home in more recent times.  
Teach us to give thanks for what we have  
by sharing it with those who are in need.  
Keep our eyes open to the wonders of creation,  
and alert to the care of the earth.  
May we never be lazy in the work of peace;  
may we honour those who have died in defence of our ideals.  
Grant our leaders wisdom and forbearance.  
May they govern with justice and compassion.  
Help us to appreciate one another,  
and to respect the many ways that we may serve You.  
May our homes be safe from affliction and strife,  
and our country be sound in body and spirit. **Amen.**

*Mishkan T'filah: A Progressive Siddur, p. 516*

- MC: *Introduction:*  
WE BEGIN – with silence.  
The silence of death:  
the silence after destruction;

there are times when songs falter,  
when darkness fills life,  
when martyrdom becomes a constellation of faith  
against the unrelieved black of space about us.  
There are no words to reach beyond the edge of night,  
no messenger to tell the full tale.  
There is only silence.  
The silence of Job.  
The silence of the Six Million.  
The silence of memory.  
Let us remember as we link our silences.

➤ *Memorial Lights*

**The First Candle**

➤ The introduction is read by Professor Rowan Strong:

We kindle this light in memory of the six million Jews  
murdered in the Shoah by the Nazis and their collaborators,  
and to acknowledge the countless other victims of genocide  
who were murdered simply for who they were or what they believed –  
Gypsies (Sinti and Roma); Poles, Soviet military prisoners of war;  
the mentally or physically disabled; homosexuals; Jehovah’s Witnesses;  
Communists; and others.

May the memory of the righteous be for a blessing.

*Zichronam livracha*

➤ The first candle is lit by Rabbi Kim Ettlinger, Hon. President, CCJWA.

➤ *Do not forget*

Rabbi Kim Ettlinger reads “To the Last Survivor”, by Daniel Farhi.

**The Second Candle**

➤ The introduction is read by Professor Rowan Strong:

We kindle this light in memory of the Righteous Among the Nations –  
the non-Jews who, with extraordinary courage,  
risked their lives to save Jews during the Shoah,  
at a time when hostility and indifference prevailed.  
May the memory of the righteous be for a blessing.

- The second candle is lit by Dr Sr Margaret Scharf OP, Committee member, CCJWA; representing Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB.
- *Do not forget*  
A reflection on the Righteous Gentiles is spoken by Dr Sr Margaret Scharf.
- Carmel High School Choir, accompanied by Leor Yedid, sings *Gesher tsar me'od*.

The whole world  
is a very narrow bridge  
but the main thing  
to recall  
is to have  
no fear at all

*Kol ha'olam kulo  
gesher tsar me'od  
Veha'ikar – veha'ikar  
lo lefached –  
lo lefached klal.  
Veha'ikar – veha'ikar  
lo lefached klal.*

כל העולם כולו  
גשר צר מאד  
והעיקר  
לא לפחות כלל  
והעיקר  
לא לפחות כלל

- MC reads 'An eyewitness account of Kristallnacht', from Martin Gilbert, *The Holocaust: The Jewish Tragedy* (1986), pp.71-2.
- *Student Reflections:*  
Students Sari Mace and Phoebe Lehrer from Temple David Synagogue give their thoughts on Kristallnacht, and students from Perth Modern School speak about the impact of learning about the Shoah in their school coursework.
- *Yizkor (Memorial Prayer)*  
The prayer *El Malei Rachamim* is presented in Hebrew and English by Trevor Creewel.

## ALL STAND

אל מלא רוחמים, שוכן באזרחים. הַמֵּאָמָנִים נִבְנָה קְהִתָּכִי הַשְׁכִּינָה  
עִם קְדוּשִׁים וְטוֹהוֹרים פֹּזֶה רַקְיעַ מִזְהִירִים לְנִשְׁמֹות יִקְרִינוּ שְׁהַלְכָה לְעוֹלָם.  
בָּעֵל הַרְחָמִים יִסְתִּיר בְּסֶתֶר כְּנָפָיו לְעוֹלָם, וַיִּזְרֹר בְּצֹרַר הַמִּים אֶת נִשְׁמָתָם.  
זֶה הוּא נִתְּלָתָם. וַיְנַחֵּה בְּשָׁלוֹם עַל מִשְׁכָּבָם. וַיֹּאמֶר אָמֵן.

O GOD FULL OF COMPASSION, Eternal Spirit of the universe, grant perfect rest under the wings of Your Presence to our loved ones who have entered eternity. Master of Mercy, let them find refuge for ever in the shadow of Your wings, and let their souls be bound up in the bond of eternal life. The Eternal God is their inheritance. May they rest in peace, and let us say: Amen.

**ALL SIT**

- MC: Introduction of the Hon. Justice Marcus Solomon SC.
- Occasional Address:  
*Antisemitism: When will it end, and how do we respond?*
- Musical interlude: excerpt from *Kaddisch*, Maurice Ravel, 1914, played by cellist James Maley.
- TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE
- The sound is heard of shattering glass.
- MC: We say together:  
**O Eternal One, we remember;**  
**we remember the Night of Broken Glass;**  
**we remember the burning of the synagogues;**  
**we remember the looting of the schools;**  
**we remember the destruction of the orphanages;**  
**we remember the arrests, the deportations, the deaths.**

Brief period of silence.

**ALL STAND**

- MC: Let us offer to each other a sign of peace and solidarity.  
Turn to those around you, and wish one another '**Shalom**' – '**Peace**'.

**ALL TO REMAIN STANDING**

➤ MC:

Let us bring forward a candle  
as a symbol of hope and liberation  
that human beings will learn  
to live together in harmony  
that light will overcome  
the darkness of war and hatred.  
And the fervent intent will be that  
NEVER AGAIN will there be a Shoah!

➤ The Candle of Hope is brought forward by Crystal Lee of Perth Modern School and Rachel Benjamin of Carmel School — symbolically carrying it together.  
They place it on the table in front of the other two candles and together, using tapers lit from the memorial candles, light the Candle of Hope.

➤ MC: LET THE LIGHT OF PEACE RADIATE THROUGHOUT OUR WORLD  
**ALL: LET THE LIGHT OF PEACE RADIATE THROUGHOUT OUR WORLD**

**ALL SIT**

➤ Carmel High School Choir, accompanied by Leor Yedid, sings: *Halicha L'kesariya* ('A Walk to Caesarea') by Hannah Szenes, music by David Zehavi.

My God, my God,  
may it never end –  
the sand and the sea,  
the rustle of the water,  
the lightning of the sky,  
the prayer of man.

*Eli, Eli,*  
*shelo yigamer le'olam:*  
*hachol vehayam*  
*rishrush shel hamayim*  
*berak hashamayim*  
*tefilat ha'adam.*

אלִי, אָלִי,  
שֶׁלֹּא יִגְמַר לְעוֹלָם  
הַחֹל וְהַיּוֹם  
רַשְׁרוֹשׁ שֶׁל הַמֵּים  
בָּרָק הַשְׁמִים  
תְּפִלַּת הָאָדָם

➤ Prayer for Peace spoken by Mr Steve Lieblich, Vice-President, Jewish Community Council of WA.

O God, Source of Life, Creator of Peace...  
Help Your children, anguished and confused,  
to understand the futility of hatred and violence  
and grant them the ability to stretch across  
political, religious and national boundaries  
so they may confront horror and fear  
by continuing together  
in the search for justice, peace and truth. . . .  
With every fibre of our being  
we implore You, O God  
to help us not to fail or falter. *Amen*

[Rabbi Sheila Weinberg, alt.]

➤ MC: Expression of thanks to participants.

## ALL STAND

➤ Trevor Creewel leads the *Kaddish* in Hebrew and English:

וַתַּהַפֵּל וַתִּתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵה רֶבֶא.  
בְּעַלְמָא דִי בָּרָא כְּרוּוֹתָה וַיָּמַלֵּךְ מֶלֶכֶת הַמִּיעָן וְבַיוּמִיכָוּן וּבְשִׁי דְּכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעַגְלָא  
וּבְזָמָן קָרִיב, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

*Exalted and hallowed be God's great name in the world which  
God created, according to plan. May God's majesty be revealed  
in the days of our lifetime and the life of all Israel – speedily,  
imminently, to which we say Amen.*

יְהָא שְׁמֵה רֶבֶא מְבָרֵךְ לָעַלְמָם וּלְעַלְמָי עַלְמָיָא :

***Blessed be God's great name to all eternity.***

וְחַבְרָךְ וַיְשַׁפְּבֵחַ וַיְתַפֵּרַח וַיְתַרְוּם וַיְתַגְּשָׁא וַיְתַהְדֵר וַיְתַעַלָּה וַיְתַהְלֵל שְׁמֵה דָּקְשָׁא. בְּרִיךְ הָא.  
לְעַלְאָ מָן כָּל בְּרַכָּתָא וּשְׁרַטָּא הַשְּׁבָחָתָא וְגַהְמָתָא דָאִמְרָן בְּעַלְמָא. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

*Blessed, praised, honoured, exalted, extolled, glorified, adored, and lauded be the name of the Holy Blessed One, beyond all earthly words and songs of blessing, praise, and comfort. To which we say Amen.*

יְהָא שָׁלֹמָא רַבָּא מִן שָׁמְאָה וְחַיִם עַלְינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. אָמָרָו אָמָן:

*May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and all Israel, to which we say Amen.*

עוֹשֶׂה שָׁלֹום בָּמָרוּמָיו הִיא יָעֹשֶׂה שָׁלֹום עַלְינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמָרָו אָמָן

*May the One who creates harmony on high, bring peace to us and to all Israel. To which we say Amen.*

## ALL SIT

➤ Carmel High School Choir, accompanied by Leor Yedid, sings *Oseh Shalom*, music by Nurit Hirsch.

Oseh shalom bimromav,  
Hu ya'ase shalom aleinu  
ve'al kol Yisrael ve'imru Amen

עוֹשֶׂה שָׁלֹום בָּמָרוּמָיו  
הִוא יָעֹשֶׂה שָׁלֹום עַלְינוּ  
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמָרָו אָמָן

He who makes peace in His high places,  
He shall make peace upon us  
and upon all of Israel; and let us say Amen.

**ALL STAND** for the departure of the official party while the congregation joins with the choir for a reprise of the song.

➤ MC steps down from the stage, indicating the conclusion of the formal proceedings. The congregation disperses reverently, the exit commencing with the first row of guests.

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