



**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	<i>Kol ha'olam kulo</i>	כל העולם כולו
is a very narrow bridge	<i>gesher tsar me'od</i>	גשר צר מאוד
but the main thing	<i>Veha'ikar – veha'ikar</i>	והעיקר
to recall	<i>lo lefached –</i>	לא לפחד כלל
is to have	<i>lo lefached klal.</i>	והעיקר
no fear at all	<i>Veha'ikar – veha'ikar</i>	לא לפחד כלל
	<i>lo lefached klal.</i>	

- 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 רחמים, שוכן במרומים. המצא מנוחה נכונה תחת כנפי השכינה
עם קדושים וטהורים כזהר הקריע מזהירים לגשמות יקירינו שהלכו לעולמם.
בעל הרחמים יסתיירם בסתר כנפיו לעולמים, ויצרור בצרור חסידים את נשמתם.
יי הוא נחלתם. ויגדלו בשלום על משכבם. ונאמר אמן.

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.*

אלי, אלי,
שלא יגמר לעולם
החול והים
רשרוש של המים
ברק השמים
תפילת האדם

- 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:

יְתַגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.
בְּעֶלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ וְיִמְלִיךָ מְלָכוּתָהּ בְּסִיּוּכֹן וּבְיִמּוּכֹן וּבְסִיּוּכֵי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעָגְלָא
וּבְזִמְנֵי קָרִיב, וְאַמְרוּ 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**.*

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא :

Blessed be God's great name to all eternity.

יְתַבְרַךְ וְיִשְׁמַבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְּקֻדְשָׁא. בְּרִיךְ הוּא.
לְעָלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירָתָא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנִחְמָתָא דְאַמִּירָן בְּעֶלְמָא. וְאַמְרוּ 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**.*

יְהִי שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

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

עוֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמֵיּוֹ הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן

*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 שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמֵיּוֹ
הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן

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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