

Yom Ha'Shoah Reading for Refugees



Welcome the stranger.
Protect the refugee.

אל מלא רחמים

God, full of mercy – this Yom Ha'Shoah, we remember the six million Jews and the five million other people murdered simply because of who they were.

We also remember the millions of people around the world today who have been murdered because of who they were, a devastating consequence of violent hatred and deadly persecution.

May their souls forever be sheltered beneath the wings of Your Divine Presence.

Their deaths teach us the grave dangers of moral failing and indifference to evil. May we honor their memories by standing up to hatred in our midst today.

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God, full of mercy – this Yom Ha'Shoah, we honor those who survived the Nazis' attempts to exterminate those who were different, those who were other.

We also honor the 65 million refugees and displaced people worldwide who have fled violence and persecution in search of refuge.

May you continue to protect them as they journey to safety.

Their strength and resilience remind us of the endurance of the human spirit and will to live, even amidst unimaginable suffering.

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God, full of mercy – this Yom Ha'Shoah, we pay tribute to the righteous ones amongst the nations who sheltered Jews during the Holocaust, risking their own lives to save those in danger.

We aspire to continue their legacy by providing refuge to and advocating on behalf of today's refugees, so that they will not succumb to the terrible fate so many of our people did less than a century ago.

Today, as we remember, may we commit ourselves to building a world free from hatred and persecution – where all may live freely and with dignity.