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## **Holocaust Awareness Week: May 1- 7, 2016** **We Remember our Past. We Trust in the Future.**

(Winnipeg, April 2016) - Yom Hashoah/Holocaust Memorial Day is on May 5th, 2016. The Federation's **Annual Public Holocaust Commemoration** will take place at 12:00 noon, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Holocaust Monument on the grounds of the legislature. The Premier will welcome everyone, the Honourable Jim Carr, will bring greetings on behalf of the Federal government, Mayor Brian Bowman will speak on behalf of the city. Rabbis, community dignitaries, members of the legislature, Holocaust survivors, students from Winnipeg schools and several hundred members of the community will commemorate Yom Hashoah together.

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>: The Annual Holocaust Memorial Service and street-naming ceremony will begin Holocaust Awareness Week at Congregation Etz Chayim, 123 Matheson Ave. E. at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Gordon N. Taylor as keynote speaker. This service is usually attended by Holocaust survivors, their families and members of the public at large. It will be followed, in the evening, by the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Yom Hashoah Commemorative Service and reading of the "Megillat Hashoah" at 7:00 p.m. at Congregation Shaarey Zedek – a liturgical service at which representatives from various faith streams will be represented.

Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>: The Annual UJPO/Sholem Aleichem Community Program at Congregation Etz Chayim takes place at 7:30 pm. Along with the North End Jewish Folk Choir; there will be a talk entitled: The Warsaw Ghetto – Second Generation Perspectives.

Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: The Stay Young Centre of the Rady JCC will host a Holocaust Program at 11:15 a.m. at the Asper Jewish Community Campus. The program features the movie "Blind Love: Journey through Poland with Man's Best Friend".

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Yom Hashoah: B'nai Brith Canada's "Unto Every Person There is a Name" program will take place at 9:30 a.m. in Room 254 at the Legislature. It will be followed by **The Annual Public Holocaust Commemoration at the Holocaust Monument at noon.**

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>: Jewish Child and Family Service will host a program for Holocaust survivors. It includes a memorial service and program led by Rabbi Alan Green and lunch at the Gwen Sexter Creative Living Centre, 1588 Main St. at 12:30 p.m.  
At 7:30 p.m., Temple Shalom, 1077 Grant Ave. is hosting a Shabbat and Shoah Memorial Service at 1077 Grant Ave.

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>: Temple Shalom will host "Tales of the Holocaust" and a Havdallah Service at 1077 Grant Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

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