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HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATION IS SUNDAY APRIL 19

Community Invited to Observe Yom HaShoah at JCC

WOODBIDGE, Connecticut; April 7, 2015 – Hundreds of people from Southern Connecticut will gather at the JCC of Greater New Haven on Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m., to remember the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust in observance of *Yom HaShoah*, or Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Elderly Holocaust survivors, families, school children, and other members of the community are invited to the JCC to observe this annual occasion with a solemn commemoration. The program will feature prayers, songs, a candle-lighting ceremony, and other presentations that memorialize the men, women and children who died in the Holocaust and pay tribute to those who survived. The program is free of charge and open to the community.

The keynote speaker is Richard H. Weisberg, Walter Floersheimer Professor of Constitutional Law at Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University. He is a White House appointee to the Commission on the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad and has helped litigate on behalf of Holocaust survivors and their heirs, providing a measure of justice for World War II victims of anti-Semitism.

The most sacred and solemn duty of the present generation is to never forget what happened during the Holocaust. The community is invited to honor those survivors who have personally experienced the worst of humanity and to provide hope and inspiration for future generations.

WHAT: Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day
WHERE: JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, CT
WHEN: Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m.
COST: FREE

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***About the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven:** The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven is a non-profit organization that aims to lead, build, strengthen, and renew a dynamic local Jewish community and to provide support and caring for Jewish people in our community, Israel and worldwide. We are guided by the traditional Jewish values of Torah (tradition, learning and deeds), Tikkun Olam (improving the condition of our world), Tzedakah (philanthropy and acts of loving kindness), and k'lal Yisrael (Jewish peoplehood).*