# PARK EAST SYNAGOGUE AND UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

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HIS EXCELLENCY ANTONIO GUTERRES SECRETARY-GENERAL, UNITED NATIONS

**RABBI ARTHUR SCHNEIER** "THE PERSISTENT VIRUS OF ANTISEMITISM AND HATRED HOLOCAUST EDUCATION - RESPECT THE OTHER"

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PARTICIPATION OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS' FAMILIES

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022, 6:00 PM

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Co-sponsor: APPEAL OF CONSCIENCE FOUNDATION Co-Chairs: HARRY KRAKOWSKI AND LILI STAWSKI IN HONOR OF THEIR PARENTS, ISRAEL AND ELLI KRAKOWSKI, O.B.M. HARRY AND MELISSA LIS IN HONOR OF HIS PARENTS, ZELIG AND PEPA LIS O.B.M.

## VIRTUAL SERVICE

#### Rabbi Arthur Schneier

Senior Rabbi, Park East Synagogue; Founder and President, Appeal of Conscience Foundation

Mizmor L'David – The Lord is my Shepherd (Psalm 23)

Park East Synagogue Choir; Russell Ger, Conductor

Shema Yisrael – Hear 'O Israel (Keynote Prayer) Etz Chaim – Tree of Life Cantor Benny Rogosnitzky

#### Ark opened by H.E. Mr. Gilad Menashe Erdan

Permanent Representative of the State of Israel to the United Nations

## Rabbi Arthur Schneier Holocaust Survivor

"The Persistent Virus of Antisemitism and Hatred Holocaust Education - Respect the Other"

### **His Excellency Antonio Guterres**

Secretary-General, United Nations

## Kel Maleh Rachamim – Memorial Prayer

Chief Cantor Yitzchak Meir Helfgot

### Memorial Kaddish

Rabbi Arthur Schneier

## Ani Ma'amin – Prayer of Faith Ose Shalom – A Prayer for Peace

Students of the Rabbi Arthur Schneier Park East Day School and Park East Synagogue Sophie Gut, Larkin Horowitz and Danielle Rapport Pianist: Sam Nakon





Vice President Joseph R. Biden with Rabbi Arthur Schneier at Warsaw Ghetto Memorial October 18, 2009



Rabbi Arthur Schneier led the United Nations General Assembly in the recitation of Kaddish, the Jewish memorial prayer, on the United Nations International Holocaust Remembrance Day, on January 27, 2020. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General, Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the UN General Assembly and Dan Pavel Doghi, Senior Adviser on Roma and Sinti issues for the OSCE in Europe lit candles with Holocaust survivors.

"The General Assembly today decided that the United Nations will designate 27 January - the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp - as an annual International Day of Commemoration to honour the victims of the Holocaust, and urged Member States to develop educational programmes to instill the memory of the tragedy in future generations to prevent genocide from occurring again.

Rejecting any denial of the Holocaust as a historical event, either in full or in part, the 191-member Assembly adopted by consensus a resolution condemning "without reserve" all manifestations of religious intolerance, incitement, harassment or violence against persons or communities based on ethnic origin or religious belief, whenever they occur."

> Resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on the Holocaust Remembrance (A/RES/60/7, 1 November 2005)

## HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Dr. Magdalena Berenyi Lucille Bernheim Lilly Bloch Mois and Sarra Bourla Sol and Martha Eckstein Michael and Florence Edelstein Marcelle Faust Dr. Tibor Gonda Eugenia Greenberg Martin Greenfield Joseph Guttmann Rose Holm Henry and Gloria Jacobs Rose Katz Trudi Kissiloff Miriam Knobloch

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## PSALM 23

מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד ה׳ רֹעֵי לֹא אֶחְסֵר: בִּנְאוֹת דָּשָׁא יַרְבִּיצֵנִי עַל מֵי מְגָחוֹת יְנְהֲלֵנִי: נַפְשִׁי יְשׁוֹבֵב יַנְחֵנִי בְמַעְגְלֵי צֶדֶק לְמַעַן שְׁמְוֹ: גַּם כְּי אֵלֵד בְּגֵיא צַלְמֶוֶת לֹא אִירָא רְע כִּי אַתְּה עִמְדִי שִׁבְטְד וּמִשְׁעַנְתֶּד הַמָּה יְנְחֲמֵנִי: מֵעַרֹד לְפָנַי שַׁבְטְד וּמִשְׁעַנְתֶּד הַשַּׁנְתָ בַשֶּׁמֶן רֹאשִׁי כּוֹסִי רְזְוֶה: אַד טוֹב וָחֶסֶד יִרְדְפּוּנִי כָּל יְמֵי חַיָּי וְשֵׁבְתִי בְּבֵית ה׳ לְאֹרֵד יָמֵים:

Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of right-eousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of Death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## DIPLOMATS WHO SAVED JEWS DURING THE HOLOCAUST



Ho Feng-Shan Consul-General of the Republic of China Vienna 1938 during WWI

Risked his life and career to save more than 3,000 Jews by issuing them visas, disobeying the instruction of his superiors.



Angel Sanz Briz First Secretary of the Spanish Legation Budapest

Spanish diplomat during World War II who saved the lives of some 5,000 Hungarian Jews from deportation to Auschwitz.



Carl Lutz Vice-Consul of Switzerland Budapest 1942 - end of WVII Saved over 62,000 Jews, the largest rescue operation of Jews of WVII.



Angelo Rotta Apostolic Nuncio Budapest at the end of WWII His humanitarian intervention helped save Jews during the height of Nazi and Hungarian Arrow Cross oppression.



Raoul Wallenberg Special Envoy of Sweden Budapest (July-December 1945)

lssued protective passports and sheltered Jews in buildings designated as Swedish territory. He is credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews.



**Chiune Sugihara** Vice Consul for the Japan Lithuania during WWII

Rescue of 5,558 Jews during the Holocaust by issuing transit visas to them so that they could travel through Japanese territory, risking his job and his familly's lives.



#### Aristides de Sousa Mendes Portuguese Consul-General

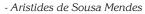
French city of Bordeaux, 1938 Defied the orders of António de Oliveira Salazar's Estado Novo regime, issuing visas and passports to refugees and courageously stated:



#### Dimitar Peshev Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Bulgaria and Minister of Justice (1935-1936)

He rebelled against the pro-Nazi cabinet and prevented the deportation of Bulgaria's 48,000 Jews

"And so, I declare that I shall give, free of charge, a visa to whoever shall request it. My desire is to be with God against man rather than with man against God."



Hon. Ms. Carolyn B. Maloney US Representative (NY) Chairwoman of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform

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#### "ANTI-SEMITISM IS A CANCER THAT WAS IN REMISSION AND NOW HAS METASTASIZED." - Rabbi Arthur Schneier



United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres calls for united action against anti-semitism following Pittsburgh Tree of Life Synagogue attack. Rabbi Arthur Schneier organized the United Against Hate Interfaith gathering with Cardinal Timothy Dolan and leaders of major faith communities. October 31, 2018.



New York City Mayor, Bill de Blasio at Park East Synagogue after the horrific attack in Pittsburgh, expresses solidarity of all New Yorkers with the Pittsburgh Jewish community. Rabbi Schneier appealed to City and State officials to expand funding for security protection of houses of worship, Saturday, October 27, 2018.



Leaders of major faith communities join the Children of the Rabbi Arthur Schneier Park East Day School on the Bimah as they light 11 memorial candles in memory of the victims and sing the prayer for Peace "Oseh Shalom", Wednesday, October 31, 2018.



Appeal of Conscience Foundation delegation Ambassador Earle Mack, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, and Governor George Pataki express gratitude to Pittsburgh Police Chief Scott Shubert and law enforcement agencies, and visit the injured police officers and congregants of the Tree of Life Synagogue at Pittsburgh Presbyterian Hospital. Sunday, October 28, 2018



Strasbourg 2007: Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe - Rabbi Arthur Schneier warns about the rise of xenophobia and anti-semitism in Europe, pleads for peaceful coexistence and mutual respect and acceptance.



Rabbi Arthur Schneier, Vienna born Holocaust Survivor, delivers the keynote address in the Austrian Parliament commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Kristallnacht, November 9, 2018.

## LIBERATION OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS OF THE ALLIED FORCES



U.S. Army Corporal Larry Matinsk puts cigarettes into the extended hands of newly liberated prisoners behind a stockade in the Allach concentration camp.



A young female concentration camp survivor is interviewed by a British relief officer while standing in front of a military jeep in Bergen-Belsen.



Soviet troops inspect the crematoria at the Majdanek concentration camp after the liberation.



Group portrait of a Soviet soldier and liberated prisoners, some holding weapons, in the Buchenwald concentration camp.



Residents of Treebeek welcome a Canadian tank who is liberating the village



French officers who have come to inspect the Mauthausen concentration camp after it was liberated by the US Army.



## SHEMA YISRAEL

Deuteronomy 6:4

# שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל ה׳ אֱלֹקֵינוּ ה׳ אֶחָד:

Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one.

The Torah is truly an Etz Chaim - A Tree of Life. It stands as a living testament to the survival of the Jewish People assured by the transmission of our heritage from generation to generation.

עֵץ חַיִּים הִיא לַמַּחַזִיקִים בָּהּ, וְתֹמְכֶיהָ מְאֻשָּׁר. דְּרָכֶיהָ דַרְבֵי נֹעַם, וְכָל נְתִיבוֹתֶיהָ שָׁלוֹם. הַשִּׁיבֵנוּ ה' אֵלֶידְ וְנָשׁוּבָה חַדֵּשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקֶדֶם.

It is a tree of life for those who grasp it and its supporters are praiseworthy. Its ways are ways of pleasantness and all its paths are peace. Bring us back to You, Hashem, and we shall return, renew our days as of old.

## MEMORIAL PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST AND TERROR

אַל מְלֵא רַחֲמִים שׁוֹבֵן בַּמְרוֹמִים. הַמְצֵא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה עֵל כַּנְפֵי הַשְּׁכִינָה. בְּמַעֲלוֹת קְדוֹשִׁים וּטְהוֹרִים בְּזֹהַר הָרָקִיעַ מַזְהִירִים אֶת כָּל הַנְשָׁמוֹת שֶׁל שֵׁשֶׁת מִלְיוֹנֵי הַיְהוּדִים חַלְלֵי הַשׁוֹאָה בְאֵירוֹפָה שֶׁנֶהֶרְגוּ, שֶׁנִשְחֲטוּ, שֶׁנִשְרְפּוּ וְשֶׁנּסְפּוּ עַל קִדוּשׁ הַשֵם. לְכֵן בַּעַל הָרַחֲמִים יַסְתִּירֵם בְּסֵתֶר בְּנָפִיו לְעוֹלְמִים. וְיַצְרוֹר בִּצְרוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת נְשָׁמְתֵיהָם. ה׳ הוּא נַחַלֶּתֶם. בְּגַן עָדֵן תִּהֵא מְנוּחָתָם. וְיַעֵמִדוּ לְגוֹרָלָם לְכֵץ הַיָּמְוֹת וָ

God, full of mercy and compassion, grant rest for the souls of six million Jews, and all other victims of the Holocaust, who were cruelly murdered. Spread your sheltering canopy over them. Let their souls be bound up in the bonds of eternal life. May their memories inspire us to serve You and our fellow human beings. Father of mercy remember them with compassion who were faithful in life and in death. Amen.

### RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS SITES (A/RES/55/254, 31 May 2001)



From left: His Excellency Archbishop Renato R.Martino, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer, Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to UN, Reverend Dr. Fred Anderson, Pastor, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Imam Mohammad Ostafa Ibrahim Jumeiah, Director of Religious and Cultural Affairs, Islamic Center of New York, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America



United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres mandates the UN Alliance of Civilizations High Representative Mr. Miguel Moratinos to help implement the UN General Assembly Resolution A/75/L.54 for a Plan of Actions to Safeguard Religious Sites adopted on January 21, 2021, and to be the UN Focal Point to monitor anti-Semitism. From Left: H.E. Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York, H.E. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, Member of the High Level Group and Ambassador of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, H.E. Archbishop Elpidophoros, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America



UNAOC - Promoting Tolerance and Reconciliation UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon addressed religious leaders on April 22, 2015



## MEMORIAL KADDISH



יִתְגַדַל וִיִתְקַדַשׁ שִׁמֵה רַבָּא. אָמֵן: בּעַלְמַא דִי בְרַא כְרְעוּתֵיה, וְיַמִלִידְ מַלְכוּתֵיה בִּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבִיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכַל בֵּית יִשְׁרָאָל. בַּעַגַלָא וּבִזְמַן קַרִיב וָאָמָרוּ אַמֵן: יָהֵא שְׁמֵה רַבַּא מִבַרַך לְעַלַם וּלְעַלְמֵי עַלְמֵיָא: יְתַבַּרָדְ וְיִשְׁתַבָּח וִיִתִפַּאַר וִיִתִרוֹמַם וִיִתִנַשָּׂא וִיִתִהַדֵּר וִיִתְעַלֵּה וִיִתְהַלָּל שָׁמֵה דְּקָדְשָׁא בּרִיך הוּא: לְעֵלֵא מֵז כַּל בִּרְכַתַא וִשִׁירַתָא הַשְׁבִּחָתָא וְנֵחֵמָתָא, דַאֵמִירָן בּעַלְמַא, וָאָמְרוּ אַמֵן: יְהֵא שִׁלָמַא רַבַּא מָן שִׁמַיַא, וְחַיִּים עֵלִינוּ וְעֵל כל ישׂראל ואמרוּ אמן.

This Torah Scroll was rescued through the efforts of a righteous individual in 1939, when the Nazis entered Poland and began their campaign of murder and destruction. It has been donated to Park East Synagogue by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Mosberg in memory of Harry and Judith Wilf, Sidney Wilf, and the Six Million Jews who perished in the Shoah.

## CHILDREN OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

in formation

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The Neue Weltgasse synagogue burns during the Kristallnacht pogrom. Vienna, Austria, November 9, 1938



At the Tree of Life Synagogue, Rabbi Arthur Schneier leading in prayer of the 23rd psalm, with Ambassador Ronald Lauder, President of the World Jewish Congress

"Where they burn books, they will also, in the end, burn human beings" - Heinrich Heine from his play "Almanazor" in 1821

## "The past cannot be reversed, it must be remembered, today - we can help shape the future"

RABBI ARTHUR SCHNEIER address - July 11, 2012 Srebrenica-Potocari, Bosnia and Herzegovina

אֲנִי מַאֲמִין

### Maimonides: 12th Principle of Faith

אַנִי מַאָמִיז בָּאָמוּנָה שְׁלַמָה בְּבִיאַת הַמְשִׁיחַ, וְאַף עַל פִּי שֶׁיִתְמַהְמֵהַ, עִם כְּל זֶה אֲחַכֶּה לּוֹ בְּכַל יוֹם שֵׁיַבֹא.

I believe with complete faith in the coming of the Messiah, and even though he may delay, nevertheless I anticipate every day his coming.

> עשֶׁה שָׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא בְּרַחֲמָיו יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

He who makes peace in His heights, may He make peace upon us, and upon all of Israel, Now respond: Amen.

#### UN General Assembly Passes Resolution on Holocaust Denial January 2022

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#### **Holocaust denial**

#### The General Assembly,

*Reaffirming* the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>1</sup> which proclaims that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth therein, without distinction of any kind, such as, inter alia, race, religion or other status, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,<sup>2</sup> which state that everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion,

*Bearing in mind* that the founding principle of the Charter of the United Nations, "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war", is testimony to the indelible link between the United Nations and the unique tragedy of the Second World War,

*Recalling* the preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind,

*Recalling also* that 2020 marked the seventy-fifth anniversary of the end of the Second World War, a war which brought untold sorrow to humankind, particularly in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Pacific and other parts of the world,

<sup>1</sup> Resolution 217 A (III).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See resolution 2200 Å (XXI), annex.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS STUDY CHILDREN WHO PERISHED IN THE HOLOCAUST



8th Grade Class of Rabbi Arthur Schneier Park East Day School In Commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day Was Paired With and Studied Thirteen Individual Children Who Perished in the Holocaust

Students:

Raquel Avitan Isaac Cohen Noa Feldman Ilana Ganz Mia Gavrielov Leila Gut Paxton Horowitz Samuel-Michael Medows Max Packles Eitan Parahovnik Danielle Ruiz Olivia Saar Rachel Sabbagh Noa Sofer Elianna Steen-Olsen Hannah Weisberg

"We let 6 million Jews perish of all ages, I was upset that the world allowed it and didn't stop it...I think every single school in the whole world, public and private should learn about the Holocaust and make sure it does not happen again."

- Paxton Horowitz, 8th Grade Student, Rabbi Arthur Schneier Park East Day School

"Every life lost in the Holocaust was an abolition of chance, every child robbed of their tomorrows was a destruction of opportunity and every Jewish life shattered extinguished a light that when joined in unity brightened the world."

- Olivia Saar, 8th Grade Student, Rabbi Arthur Schneier Park East Day School

## NEVER AGAIN - WE WILL NOT FORGET



ZIGMUND ADLER



LILI HIRSCH



JUDITH MARGARETH KANIJN



CISI KLEIN



ADELE "DELE" KURZWEIL



**RUTKA LASKIER** 



ZALMAN LEVINSON



RACHEL SARAH OSMO



RUTH PRESSBURGER



SIEGFRIED RAPAPORT



JUDITH SCHWED



SHABETAI SHEMI



PIERRE WOLKOWICZ

## WE REMEMBER The Family Members of Park East Synagogue

## Altholz-Stawski Family



#### SURVIVORS

Moniek Stawski and Sara (Lewin) Stawski Both from Poland Wedding Day: September 28, 1948 Zelshein, DP camp near Frankfurt, Germany Submitted by their daughter Naomi Atlholz

## AVNER FAMILY



#### SURVIVORS

Leon and Pearl Avner, parents of Tobey Avner Nelson They were the sole survivors of both of their immediate families. They joined partisans, rescuing Jews in Germany & Poland by bringing them through forests across the Russian borders. They were in the Bari, Italy refugee camp before resettling in the USA.

#### PERISHED

Pearl & Leon Avner's daughter, Frema; Grandparents David Kasztan and Tojbe Goldin Kasztan; Grandparents Rivka and Aaron Rubenstein; Aunt Chana Kasztan, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.





## **GLASWAND FAMILY**

SURVIVORS Mordechai Glaswand and Blima Glaswand Parents of Herman Glaswand Always fondly remembered and loved

## KARTEN FAMILY



SURVIVORS Isidore and Julia Grossberg Karten

Father 1914-1999 Mother 1925-2001

Both from Poland

Spent 3 years in the woods of Swirz Valt as partisans and brought out 412 Jewish men, women, and children



## KRAKOWSKI FAMILY



SURVIVORS Israel and Elli Krakowski

We Will Always Remember

## LIS FAMILY



SURVIVORS Parents: Pepa and Zelig Lis Pepa survived Auschwitz and Birkenau After the war, they settled in Munich, Germany where their son Harry was born.

## **OLTUSKI FAMILY**



#### SURVIVORS

Father: Jack Oltuski, pictured in his uniform survived by fighting the partisans with Mordechai (Paul's grandfather) and his uncles Laibel and Moishe and cousins.

Mother: Dora, pictured here in the middle of Poland with her two sisters.

#### PERISHED

Uncle Laibel was killed by a German sniper in the last 2 weeks of the war; both Aunts, and Dora's sisters.





## PREISLER FAMILY



SURVIVORS Simon and Baba Preisler Simon was deported to Auschwitz and liberated from Bergen-Belsen

Loving parents of Lydia Preisler Shorenstein and Renee Preisler Barasch



## SCHNEIER FAMILY





SURVIVORS Gisela Schneier (mother) and Arthur Schneier, from Vienna, Austria





PERISHED Rabbi Moses and Tova Bergman (grandparents); Josef and Freida Schneier (grandparents); aunts, uncles, and cousins

## SCHWALBE FAMILY



#### SURVIVORS

John (Yannek) and Miriam Klein, parents of Ruth Schwalbe. John was a Partisan fighter in Russia and Poland.

After the war, they lived in the Zeilsheim, DP camp outside of Frankfurt, Germany.

## Shapiro Family

Grandfather: Izidor Burgheim (b.1875) Deported from Vienna, Austria to the Ghetto in Riga, Latvia 1942. Submitted by their granddaughter Esther Shapiro

## SHEINKOPF FAMILY



#### SURVIVORS

The only survivors were grandfather Morris Sheinkopf and his brother Meir from Poland who left in 1939.

#### PERISHED

1500 members of the Sheinkopf family perished in Auschwitz. All that remains from Auschwitz is a suitcase with the name of Otto Israel Sheinkopf and a mention of Sara Sheinkopf born 1907.

## WEG FAMILY



#### SURVIVORS

MOTHER: Mrs. Betty (Dylewski) Weg, Czensechowa, Poland Mother of Mrs. Rachel and Dr. Oskar Weg; Hasag Camp and liberated by the Russians

FATHER: Stanley Shlomo Weg



PARENTS of Dr. Rachel Weg Aaron Mentovich, Stalag Nuremberg and Julia Mentovich (nee Davidovich), Bergen-Belsen survived the war and moved to Haifa, Israel.

"We refuse to accept the title of "Victim", we are the survivors who made Israel a reality."





## PARK EAST SYNAGOGUE

For the past one hundred and thirty two years, Park East Synagogue has been a bedrock of the Jewish community of New York City and beyond - through Jewish education, worship, revival of cantorial arts, communal solidarity with World Jewry and The State of Israel. The synagogue's influence, strength and dynamism in the community derive from the members of our congregation that also included two Mayors of the City of New York, Abe Beame and Ed Koch.

Park East Synagogue, under the leadership of Rabbi Arthur Schneier has been a leader in the struggle for Soviet Jewry, the advancement of Holocaust Remembrance and a rallying center for interreligious advocacy in the fight against the spread of anti-Semitism in Europe and the United States. Our synagogue hosted two Secretaries General of the U.N. In 2008, Park East Synagogue hosted Pope Benedict XVI, for the first ever Papal visit to a synagogue in the U.S. and also hosted the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, Patriarch Alexey I of Moscow, Grand Muftis of Central Asia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sheikh-ul-Islam Allahshukur Pashazadeh, Chairman, Caucasus Muslims' Board and Mustafa Ceric.



The Appeal of Conscience Foundation, founded by Rabbi Arthur Schneier in 1965, has worked on behalf of religious freedom and human rights throughout the world.

To uphold the principle of "live and let live" is the Appeal of Conscience Foundation's continuing goal. An interfaith coalition of business, religious and foreign policy leaders, this international organization promotes mutual understanding, peace and interreligious cooperation and provides a voice of conscience to protect minorities.

The Foundation believes that freedom, democracy, and human rights are the fundamental values that give nations of the world their best hope for peace, security and shared prosperity.

