



**Taking the lessons of the Holocaust and breaking the Silence of Fear, Pain, and Shame caused by Prejudice and Indifference**

## **It's as easy as 1, 2, 3**

### **Yom HaShoah**

**REGISTRATION:** It's important for everyone to register so we can identify where the marches are held and put people who want to participate in the closest locations to where they live.

There is no charge for participating in the event, and even buying a T-shirt is optional, though highly recommended.

#### **Overview:**

The March of Remembrance is a public prayer walk at its core. We are not trying to impress anyone so the size of a march in any particular city is irrelevant because we are joined together with many others worldwide.

#### **It can only fail if we don't walk, or if we don't pray.**

Below you will find an outline of how the March of Remembrance events have been orchestrated in many cities around the country. We recognize that each community has different dynamics and that this may not meet your needs. Please remember that these are guidelines, and that as an organizer, you have the freedom to modify or create an event that is tailored to your community. The most important dynamic in this whole process is that you personally spend time seeking the Lord on how to organize this event in a way that brings honor to Him, as well as the Jewish and Christian communities.

As you prepare, remember to adhere to the guiding principals set forward in the March of Remembrance charter.

- *We shall honor the distant voices of the Holocaust and the remaining survivors on this Holocaust Memorial Day, and stand with them in memory of their most dreadful tragedy.*
- *We declare that in a time of rising world wide anti-Semitism, we will not allow the silent indifference of the past to rise again.*
- *We shall stand with those who have suffered this atrocity and provide a platform for the actual witnesses to give public testimony.*
- *The March of Remembrance is not a political rally, not a protest, and not a publicity stunt.*

## **What does a March of Remembrance look like?**

*The March of Remembrance is a combination of 3 separate events which compliment each other. Your community could choose to do one, two, or a combination of all three. Remember, these events can and should be molded to meet the specific needs of your community, but for all venues, there should always be a public event.*

There are multiplied layers of ministry happening to every person through the Holy Spirit at every event. We are simply making room for the Lord to work in our nation.

### **Event 1 - Prayer and walking**

**Anyone can do this!** This is a specifically Christian event where we are not ashamed to pray in the name of Jesus. We gather at a predetermined place of some relevant significance to pray for the peace of Jerusalem among other topics. We have passed a bullhorn for amplification at past events and it worked well enough, at other times we have used a sound system. We also develop prayer points to keep intercession focused.

The event begins as a time of corporate prayer. Then someone sounds a shofar blast and the March begins. We encourage people to wear the March of Remembrance t-shirt, because it visually links us all together in the various cities holding marches. Please assign someone to photograph your march, no matter how small or large, and make a report to send us at the National Level. Regional organizers must make sure that all banners are non-offensive and in the spirit of honoring Holocaust survivors and their posterity. We judge what statements are permissible on banners, based on the agreement every person is asked to sign when **registering on the website**.

Volunteers help guide people along a designated path to a podium where the next part begins. You may also consider having people ready to assist elderly participants and as required, make arrangements and accommodations for them. This is especially important when we host Holocaust Survivors, who may require significant assistance with transportation and access to the event. Most important is that we are sensitive to their needs.

All will see the great mercy of God as we pray together and humble ourselves. Walls between denominations and races fall down naturally. A few fervent people with one voice crying out to the Lord will make a difference in our nation.

### **Event 2 - Testimony & Liturgy**

This is a specifically Jewish event where we must take a vow of non-proselytizing in order to be sensitive to the people whom we are trying to honor. We must never give the impression that we are exploiting this solemn date for any agenda except remembering those who were tortured and killed.

As Christians, we honor Holocaust survivors by providing a public platform to give their testimonies. Planning begins for Event 2 by contacting the local Holocaust community and asking them to provide speakers that best represent them. We try to have at least three give their testimony and light the candles at the end.

In cities where there is already an outdoor event planned by the Jewish community, we may simply walk to their observance ceremonies and stand with them. Be sure to call ahead and let them know so they can be prepared if you do this. Better yet, let us know and we will call for you to help them grasp the international aspect of this. In other cities, we produce outdoor ceremonies at symbolic places of Government, which will require staging, sound systems, arranging speakers, transportation, and volunteers to accomplish.

We also honor the descendants of Holocaust survivors by inviting them to handle liturgical aspects of blowing shofar, offering prayers and introducing speakers. We begin the ceremony with a shofar blast, say Kaddish together, light 6 candles and end with the Aaronic Benediction.

If you are not able to find a Holocaust Survivor or a descendant, please contact us and we will assist you with ideas / suggestions. Jewish people did not cause the Holocaust, so they must not be the only people to remember on Yom HaShoah and our children must be witnesses to these testimonies, hearing first hand from those who were there.

And as we hear the testimonies of heroes from the defining event of modern Israel, we each become living witnesses not only to history, but also to the great faithfulness of God to keep His Word. Each person will realize they are making a history on this day. Jewish people will see the most sincere expression of His love that we can offer, as churches work together in remembering, educating and taking a courageous public position beside them.

### **Event 3 - Celebration & deeds of righteousness**

We celebrate that His great mercy endureth forever!

This is also a specifically Christian event, but all are invited to gather at the sponsoring church where we will joyously celebrate His redemption and hold an event to benefit Holocaust survivors today. We are clear about this being a Christian event, but invite our VIP Jewish guests to give a casual word if they attend. We plan for a time of rejoicing with fellowship, expressions of gratitude to our VIP's and volunteers and casual statements from various people involved in putting on the March. At some point during the evening, we receive an offering towards helping Holocaust survivors today. The official March of Remembrance beneficiary is Helping Hands Coalition (Israel).

We give very practical and desperately needed help through a benefit concert, while rejoicing in fellowship together. Our VIP Jewish guests have always spoken at the benefit event to make statements of appreciation and surprise at how much love they have experienced from Christians who stood for them on this day. For most of them, this is the first time they have actually been able to see Jesus in us and through us.

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