

Yizkereim

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For the generation of those who survived the Holocaust the final moments of ne'ilah are approaching.

This Shavuot marks the 70th anniversary of the destruction of the Hungarian Jewish communities. By this time, most of Polish Jewry and the rest of Eastern European Jewry were already annihilated and the Hungarian deportations to Auschwitz were at their peak.

AV HARACHAMIM YIZKOR Awareness Campaign

To properly commemorate those communities that were destroyed על קידוש ה', let us reinforce the respectful approach, seize this עת רצון, and wait for all mispalleim, including those who have parents and traditionally leave the shul during Yizkor, to reassemble and then recite the meaningful Av Harachamim together with the proper כוונה that this communal Yizkor deserves.

ABOUT AV HARACHAMIM

One of the most powerful *tefillos*, commemorating the sacrifices of the kedoshim and, honoring the men, women and children who preceded us and enabled our Jewish survival, the *tefilla* was composed over 900 years ago after the bloody massacres of the Crusades.

Originally only recited on the Shabbos before Shavuot, it eventually became popular to say it every Shabbos (except on a "festive" Shabbos when *Tachanun* would not be recited if it were a weekday or when there's a special event such as *Birchas HaChodesh*).

During the Sefirah period – when most of the crusade massacres actually occurred, as well as subsequent tragedies such as the Tach V'Tat Pogroms, and in recent times the destruction of Warsaw ghetto and the massacre of Hungarian Jewry – in almost all Shuls Av Harachamim is always recited.

On Yom Tov when the Yizkor service is recited, Av Harachamim is said after Yizkor. In effect, Av Harachamim is a communal "Yizkor" – יזכרם אלוהינו לטובה – memorial prayer, and not a personal prayer.

Let us join together at this auspicious time to commemorate the Kedoshim with a communal Av Harachamim recited in unison at the end of Tefilas Yizkor.

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