



"All of Israel are responsible for each other"

Hello from Israel,

In the reality created by the spread of the Coronavirus in the world, all of us, everywhere in the world, experience many challenges, both in private life and in the community level. The mutual support between us is more important today than ever, and the mutual ties between Israel and the Diaspora and between different Jewish communities are a source of strength for all of us. As you know, in a few days the state of Israel will be commemorating the Israel Defense Force Memorial Day and right after that will celebrate its Independence Day.

We wish to offer you a number of opportunities to take part at the events held on Memorial Day, alongside thousands of Jews from around the world and Israel:

1. The **Yizkarem** - the purpose of the project is to "adopt" an IDF's fallen's families and commemorate the fallen IDF soldiers by Jews from all around the world. The project has a website to which both the families in Israel and the Diaspora Jews around the world can register for the commemoration and memory of the fallen soldiers: <https://honorisraelfallen.com>. Project is a joint project of the Ministry of Diaspora, "Olami" organization and the fallen soldiers organizations in Israel: "Yad la Banim" and "Widows and Orphans of the fallen IDF soldiers".

2. **Digital Memorial Day Ceremony** (in English) - This is an invitation to an event designed to give us a unique opportunity to feel together without leaving the house. To take part in the ceremony, register here <http://join.masaisrael.org/LastWords>. The ceremony can also be viewed via the Facebook Live broadcast - <https://www.facebook.com/events/s/the-masa-yom-hazikaron-virtual/600746657379306/>. The project is an initiative of Masa –Each year Masa organization leads a Memorial Day ceremony that is designated to portray the Memorial Day ceremony experience, which is incredibly significant to every Israeli, to an English speaking audience.

3. **In Memory of the Jewish Victims of COVID-19** - this internet page <https://yizkor.carmel6000.com/> is an opportunity to share the stories of the Jewish people lost to COVID-19 and to learn about them: who they were, what they achieved in life and what they left behind. It is a space to memorialize them and to remember them. If you know someone who was lost in the pandemic that you wish to commemorate, we kindly offer you to fill out the form and to share with everyone their story. We pray that this pandemic ends and that the souls of those lost remain bound in the bond of life.

We would greatly appreciate if you could spread this information to enable more people to participate in these events.

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Warm regards,

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