Staying home - Remembering together



What?

Holding a Zikaron BaSalon in the digital space that has become part of our lives lately. Every one of us, in our private living rooms, connecting with dozens of other people who sit in their homes and join together, commemorating the Holocaust in an intimate, full of thought and meaningful event.

Why?

Because we must continue the tradition. Because we need to remember. Because nowadays, this is how we all meet. Because in all the chaos the world is in, it is important to maintain intimacy, discuss the things that really matter and draw encouragement and inspiration from each other.

How?

Host a Zoom call (or any digital platform of your choice) and invite family members, friends and guests. Just like before, when we were able to meet in person.

If you have not done so already, we invite you to register as hosts on our website. This way you can join one of our training sessions, get lots of ideas for your event and be part of our global community.

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The components of memory in the digital living room



20-30 min

Testimony — As long as we have the opportunity to listen to survivors, we will take it with both hands. This is also a way for the children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors to take responsibility for our memory. Look for survivors in your community or 2nd and 3rd generation among your friends who will share their story in your digital event. If you do not find one, you can use a recorded testimony. You can find online many testimonies, and we also have a few on our website.



Expression - This is the time for the participants to sing, read a poem, light a candle together, cry, laugh or just be together - even if it is completely virtual.



Discussion - We have a lot of suggestions for discussion on our website - we recommend asking one or two questions, to get the discussion going. You can project the question on the screen (via screen sharing) and give everyone a minute to think about the answer. The goal is to facilitate a discussion that focuses on the memory of the Holocaust and its' significance in our lives today, and how it may impact the future.

Some tips to make it all work

Become familiar with ZOOM or the digital platform you are planning to use.

We recommend that you limit the number of participants to 25 to create intimacy during the discussion (consider breakout rooms if necessary).

Send the meeting info to all participants ahead of time.

Start the call half hour before the event to allow enough time to set up.

Ask all the participants to have their cameras on.

The host should be in charge of the meeting and running order, just like a Zikaron BaSalon in your living room.

If you are using a recorded testimony or any audio/video, make sure to share the audio from your computer.

Prepare the discussion and questions in advance.

Don't forget to record the conversation or at least take some screenshots as a memento.