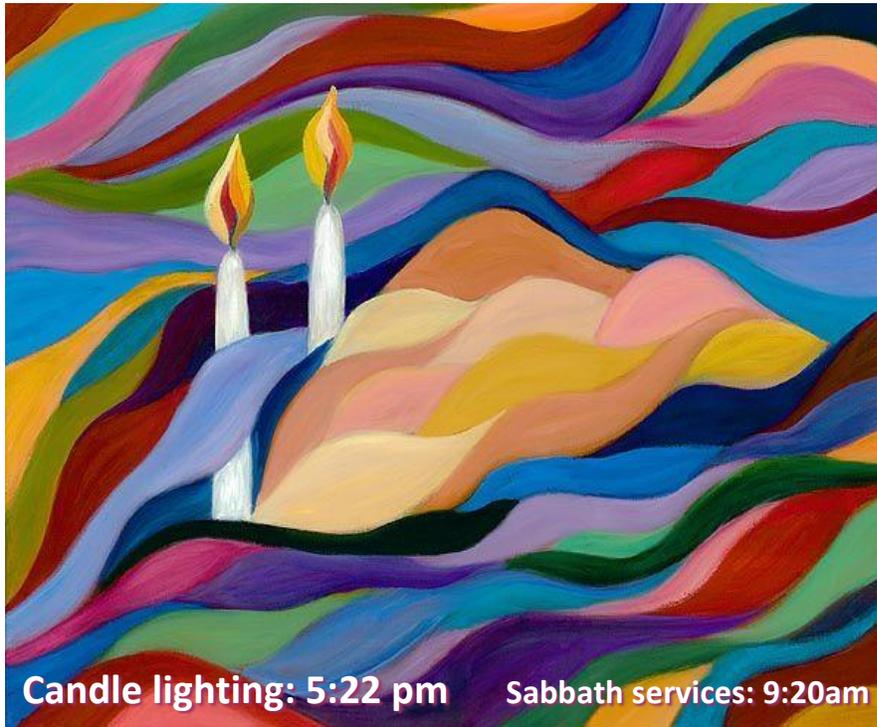




Carnegie Shul Chatter

January 31, 2018



Candle lighting: 5:22 pm **Sabbath services: 9:20am**

Remembering the Holocaust

Saturday, January 27 was Holocaust Remembrance Day, a day created by the United Nations in 2005, which is pretty strange considering the UN's attitude towards Israel in recent years.

But the strangest thing about Holocaust Remembrance Day this year could very well be the letter sent by the Saudi Arabia-based Muslim World League on January 22.

Let's hope that this letter truly signals a change in attitude by the Saudis towards the Holocaust and maybe even towards Israel.

Below is the story as reported by Ron Kampeas of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA) on January 26, 2018.



Let We Forget

How could we ever forget?

Six million Jews were killed in the Holocaust for no reason except that they were Jewish.

They should be remembered not only on Kristallnacht, and Yom Hashoah, and Holocaust Remembrance Day, but on every single day by anyone who cares about the sanctity of life.

Yes, it is 63 years since the liberation of Auschwitz, and yes, some say it is time to put the Holocaust in the past and move on. But they are wrong.

The memory of the Holocaust is too horrible to ever forget. We must remember and we must make sure that each new generation is also informed about this terrible crime against humanity.

We say never again but, alas, there are other genocides happening in the world even today. Perhaps it is beyond the power of man to stop them all. Perhaps only the coming of Moshiach will assure that there will never be another Holocaust.

Let's all pray that someday, somehow, men will find a way to stop killing other men just because they are different from themselves.

Saudi-based Muslim body rejects Holocaust denial

WASHINGTON ([JTA](#)) — A Saudi-based Muslim group rejected Holocaust denial in a letter to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

“History is indeed impartial no matter how hard forgers tried to tamper with or manipulate it,” said the letter sent Jan. 22 to the museum by Mohammad Al Issa, the secretary general of the Muslim World League, five days before International Holocaust Remembrance Day. “Hence, we consider any denial of the Holocaust or minimizing of its effect a crime to distort history and an insult to the dignity of those innocent souls who have perished. It is also an affront to us all since we share the same human soul and spiritual bonds.”



Muhammad Al Issa, Secretary general, Muslim World League, speaks at a press conference in Saudi Arabia, May 20, 2017.

The letter was posted Thursday on the site of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Al Issa suggested the letter was prompted in part by his friendship with the think tank’s director, Robert Satloff, who has written extensively about North African Muslims who protected Jews during the Holocaust.

Writing separately, Satloff described meeting Al Issa last month when he led a delegation of lay leaders of his think tank to Saudi Arabia. A former justice minister, Al Issa had taken over the Saudi-funded Muslim World League in 2016. Satloff wrote that the league had been a linchpin in propagating “a radical, hate-filled, anti-West, anti-Semitic version of Islam.” Al Issa expressed a willingness to visit the Holocaust museum the next time he was in Washington.

The appointment of Al Issa appears to be of a piece with Saudi Arabia’s pivot westward under its new crown prince, Muhammad bin Sultan, Satloff said.

“Taking his lead from Muhammad bin Salman, the current crown prince who has vowed to cleanse his country of extremism and return it to ‘moderate Islam,’ Al Issa seems to have a specific mandate to transform the MWL from an organization synonymous with extremism to one that preaches tolerance,” he said.

Al Issa did not specify Jews as victims of the Holocaust in his letter to the museum director, Sara Bloomfield, but instead spoke of “this human tragedy perpetrated by evil Nazism” and “our great sympathy with the victims of the Holocaust, an incident that shook humanity to the core, and created an event whose horrors could not be denied or underrated by any fair-minded or peace-loving person.”

The Muslim World League, which was founded in 1962, is funded principally by Saudi Arabia’s government. President Donald Trump, visiting Saudi Arabia in June, encouraged it and other Sunni Arab countries to combat radical Islam.

Holocaust denial has proliferated for decades in the Arab and Muslim worlds, sometimes encouraged by official government bodies, including in the past by Saudi Arabia. President Barack Obama in his 2009 speech to the Muslim world delivered in Cairo said the perpetuation of Holocaust denial was an obstruction to better relations with the West.

Honor a Loved One

Memorialize a loved one by dedicating a **Yahrzeit Plaque** at the Carnegie Shul. These beautiful plaques, available for \$175, are mounted on the sanctuary walls and lit on the loved one's yahrzeit, Yom Kippur, and days when Yizkor is recited. The names are also read aloud from the Bimah on the Sabbath of the yahrzeit and on Yom Kippur. ■ Honor or memorialize a loved one by sponsoring a **Shabbat Kiddush**, for \$36. Your sponsorship will be announced from the bimah and in the weekly Chatter. To purchase a Yahrzeit plaque or sponsor a Kiddush, email Mike Roteman at mrmike7777@yahoo.com.

In Memoriam

Brenda Cramer Miller passed away on Saturday January 27, 2018 in her home in Highlands Ranch, CO. The Millers were long standing members of the Carnegie Shul. Brenda will be remembered for her love of her family and friends, and her countless hours of volunteer work. She grew up in Monessen and always considered it her home. Brenda was married to Larry Miller, and together they raised three children, Howie, Rob and Bonnie. Brenda was very active in several charitable organizations including: Women's American ORT, the American Diabetes Association and the South Hills Jewish Community Center. Brenda moved to Arizona following Larry's passing, and moved to Highlands Ranch, Colorado, in 2012 to be closer to her daughter Bonnie and her family.



SOUTH HILLS JEWISH COMMUNITY

**PURIM
CARNIVAL**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 • 12:15-2:30 PM
SOUTH HILLS JCC
345 KANE BLVD., 15243

SOUTH HILLS Town Hall Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - 7:00 PM
SOUTH HILLS JCC
345 KANE BLVD., 15243

Join South Hills Jewish Pittsburgh, JCC of Greater Pittsburgh, Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh and Brandeis University's Cohen Center of Modern Jewish Studies as we reveal a demographic snapshot of Jewish Pittsburgh, from a suburban perspective, as well as reviewing current patterns of Jewish engagement.

* The study was funded by the Jewish Federation's Community Foundation and was overseen by the Federation's Jewish Community Scorecard

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE ENTIRE
JEWISH COMMUNITY**

Snacks and refreshments provided.

RSVP: southhillsjewishpittsburgh.org/townhall



SOUTH HILLS
JEWISH PITTSBURGH

