



Looking forward while remembering the past

Remember A Child Program



Add an extra mitzvah to your child's learning experience.

Remember a child victim of the Holocaust who never had the chance to celebrate.

What is the Remember A Child Program?

RAC is a program to memorialize children murdered in the Holocaust by linking current generations with Jewish children who tragically lost their lives in the Shoah.

Sponsored by The Generations *After*, a Washington, DC, non-profit organization of Holocaust survivors and descendants, it is a way to add unique meaning and depth to your child's simcha.

How can my child participate in the Remember A Child Program?

Submit an application on The Generations *After* website genafterdc.org/remember-a-child/individual-participation-request.

What will my child receive?

A **Scroll of Remembrance certificate** with the name of your child and his/her matched child, to be framed and displayed during your simcha.

Biographical information, photographs (when available), citations and links to additional information for further independent research.

A **meaningful match** personalized to your request by specific name, gender (boy or girl), city, or country.

More information about RAC:

genafterdc.org/remember-a-child/overview

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For questions contact:

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Information about The Generations *After*:

genafterdc.org

Learn more about Holocaust survivors and their experiences:

The **Generations *After* Speakers' Bureau** offers trained speakers, descendants of Holocaust survivors, who convey the legacy and lessons of the Holocaust by sharing their parents' and grandparents' experiences in person and online. They engage students and adults with presentations about their families' history and their own experiences growing up as children or grandchildren of survivors.

"It keeps the message alive; it keeps the story alive; it keeps the people alive; it keeps our connection alive."

—Michele H., grandmother and daughter of Holocaust survivors

What is the lasting impact of RAC?



Ariella Livstone was paired with Lucie Lipstein.
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Ariella Livstone of New Jersey was paired with Lucie Lipstein from Antwerp, Belgium, who was murdered in Auschwitz before her 10th birthday. Lucie's name had been added to the Remember A Child Program database by her cousin Ed Leighton who sent Ariella a silver Star of David to wear at her bat mitzvah.

Three years later, in 2021, seventeen-year-old Ariella said, "The Holocaust is usually reduced to a number: six million Jews who all tragically lost their lives. Most people don't think about much more than that.

*For me, it was much more than a number.
It was having a name and a face and a story."*

"Throughout my life I have so often wondered how the Holocaust occurred. I'm devastated that now I understand how killing Jews—mass quantities of Jews—can be so easy for those filled with hate.

When I applied for my daughter to be matched with a RAC twin, I never imagined that the year of Ava's bat mitzvah Jewish children in Israel would not live to to celebrate their own bar and bat mitzvahs because of the same hatred that motivated the Holocaust.

I am deeply grateful for your work and thank you for enabling my daughter to commemorate the short life of beautiful Ester Mondshine."

—Janine Mondshine, Short Hills, New Jersey



Niv Leibowitz, left, was paired with his maternal relative, Chanoch Sender, who was murdered in Treblinka.

Photo courtesy of the Leibowitz Family

In April 2023, *Moment Magazine* ran the story of Hannah Santo who addressed friends and family gathered in Parkland Florida, at her bat mitzvah 14 years ago.

"You see me standing alone," she said, "But in reality, I am not alone."

Joining her in spirit, she explained, were three Jewish girls from the Netherlands—one also named Hannah. They all perished in the Holocaust before bat mitzvah age.

Now 27-years old, Hannah says that the memory of that moment is still meaningful to her and to those who witnessed it, including her grandmother, Louise Lawrence-Israëls, a Holocaust survivor and board member of *The Generations After*.

The Remember A Child Program was started in the 1980s by the Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Friends of Greater Washington. In 2015 the program was turned over to *The Generations After*, the Greater Washington DC-area second generation group. We are now committed to continuing this sacred work. More than 800 child victims have been memorialized through Remember A Child, which has grown into a nationwide program.



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