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HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY IS APRIL 27

Community Invited to Observe Yom HaShoah at JCC

WOODBIDGE, Connecticut; April 11, 2013 – Hundreds of people from Southern Connecticut will gather at the JCC of Greater New Haven on Sunday, April 27, at 4 p.m., to remember the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust in observance of *Yom HaShoah*, or Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Elderly Holocaust survivors, families, school children, and others will assemble at the JCC to observe this annual occasion with a solemn commemoration. The program will feature prayers, songs, a candle-lighting ceremony, and other presentations that memorialize the men, women and children who died in the Holocaust and pay tribute to those who survived. The program is free of charge and open to the community.

The keynote speaker is Holocaust survivor Anita Schorr. As the only survivor of her family, Schorr epitomizes how survivors have made a difference in the world in which we live. In 1943, the Nazis sent Schorr and her family from the Jewish ghetto of Terezin to Auschwitz. At the concentration camp, Nazi guards informed women between the ages of 18 and 50 that they could sign up to do forced labor in Germany. Although only 14, she was sent to a labor camp in Hamburg and was in Bergen-Belsen at the time of liberation. She has survived, built a new life, raised a family, and contributed to both the values of society and the strength of the community.

The most sacred and solemn duty of the present generation is to never forget what happened during the Holocaust. The community is invited to honor those survivors who have personally experienced the worst of humanity and to provide hope and inspiration for future generations.

WHAT: Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day

WHERE: JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, CT

WHEN: Sunday, April 27, 4 p.m.

COST: FREE

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About the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven: The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven is a non-profit organization that aims to lead, build, strengthen, and renew a dynamic local Jewish community and to provide support and caring for Jewish people in our community,



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Israel and worldwide. We are guided by the traditional Jewish values of Torah (tradition, learning and deeds), Tikkun Olam (improving the condition of our world), Tzedakah (philanthropy and acts of loving kindness), and k'lal Yisrael (Jewish peoplehood).