

For Immediate Release

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL CONCERT  
IN COMMEMORATION OF THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ-BIRKINAU AND  
YAD VASHEM EXHIBIT “SHOAH: HOW WAS IT HUMANLY POSSIBLE?”  
PRESENTED BY  
CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM OF THE BLUE HILLS

The Women’s Network of Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills will sponsor a special concert and exhibition to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom HaShoah) and the Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkinau on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. This event or attending the self-guided visual exhibit between April 12 and May 11 is free and open to the public. Advanced registration through the synagogue office is required. For security reasons, photo ID must be shown in order to enter the building. Masks optional. Thanks to Synagogue Council of MA whose generous grant made this program possible.

The concert is Dana Sandler’s “I Never Saw Another Butterfly,” a beautiful chamber jazz composition and a moving tribute to the youngest victims of the Holocaust. It was inspired by the book of the same name, originally published in 1959, which is a collection of poetry and art by children in the Terezin concentration camp. Sandler’s music is “captivating, and her voice is a sensitive musical instrument.” After the concert, light refreshments will be served where attendees will have the opportunity to share reflections.

The self-guided visual exhibition is entitled “SHOAH: How Was It Humanly Possible?” This is the first traveling exhibition created by Yad Vashem, Israel’s Holocaust Remembrance Center, that recounts major historical aspects of the Shoah. It first opened at the United Nations in 2015, and is designed to promote discussions about the Holocaust, to impart its universal lessons and to foster a connection to its relevance to daily life in the 21st century. It takes approximately 45 minutes to view.

Schedule for April 29<sup>th</sup>:

5:00 - Shoah visual exhibit open for public viewing.

6:15 PM – Kosher Shabbat Dinner.

7:00 PM – Friday Night Kabbalat Shabbat Service.

7:45 PM – “I Never Saw Another Butterfly” concert.

8:45 – 9:30 – Refreshments, reflections and additional opportunity to view the poster exhibit.

Contact the synagogue office to RSVP for the concert and for those who wish, details to attend the dinner and service.

Additional opportunities for the public to view the Shoah visual exhibit:

Afternoon - April 24, May 1 and 8 – Groups welcome by appointment only

9:00AM – 5:00PM - April 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 20 21, 25, 27, 28, May 2, 3, 4, 9, 11

9:00AM – 2:30PM – April 29 and May 6

Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills is at 18 Shoolman Way (off Lodge Street) in Milton, and is handicapped accessible. There is limited free parking, and no parking is allowed on Lodge or Maitland Streets, but excess parking is available on nearby Pleasant St. For more information or to make reservations to attend, call 617-698-3394 or email [office@BethShalomBlueHills.org](mailto:office@BethShalomBlueHills.org).

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