

## Policy for Members of Adath Shalom concerning the One-More-Candle Program

### Preamble

This policy applies to a relatively small issue, but is intended to set a model for any external option that will increase the size of Adath Shalom Yahrtzeit List.

### Background

The nature of the one-more-candle process to “adopt a memory” can be found on the organization’s web site (<https://onemorecandle.org/>). At least one member of Adath Shalom has joined the process and now honours the memories of two youngsters who died in the holocaust and have no other family to say the Kaddish Yatom for them.

### Draft Policy Position

On the basis of rather strong concerns mentioned by some Gabbaiim, these yahrtzeits shall *not* be recorded on Adath Shalom’s Yaharzeit List. Instead, responsibility for the memory of those children will be retained by those members of Adath Shalom who choose to be in the one-more-candle program.

As an alternative, a special commemoration will be defined for the Shabbat (or Kabbalat Shabbat) that is as close as possible to International Holocaust Remembrance Day on 27 January, chosen because it is the day when Auschwitz was liberated and because it is a fixed day in the conventional calendar. Given the objective of the programs, that day seems more appropriate than Hashoah v'hag-vurah that falls on the Hebrew calendar on 26 Nisan.

The announcement list will be used to alert members to the forthcoming commemoration and to ask any member of Adath Shalom Congregation who is a supporter of the memory of a youngster (or more than one youngster) through the one-more-candle program to inform the Gabbai for that day (as identified in the Bulletin). Just before the Kaddish Yatom, the gabbai will ask for the member to mention the reason for the special Kaddish. If there is more than one person involved with one-more-candle the gabbai will have to ask them to select the speaker. After that introduction, all of their names and the names of the deceased child (children) can be mentioned. Presumably the member(s) will also say Kaddish.

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