

*So long as we live  
They too shall live  
For they are part of us  
As we remember them*

**Remember Us: The Holocaust Bnai Mitzvah Project** invites a young person who is preparing for Bar/Bat Mitzvah to connect with the memory of a child who was lost in the Holocaust before having the chance to be called to the Torah, and to act for the good in his/her name. To date over 16,000 children in more than 650 congregations in 36 states and 10 countries have willingly accepted this legacy. The **Remember Us Project** is provided to families and communities without charge.

On the **Remember Us** website you can read what other children and families have said or done to remember a lost child. Contact us if you would like to bring the **Remember Us Project** to your synagogue and community.

[www.remember-us.org](http://www.remember-us.org)



## Remember Us

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**JOSHUA**  
accepts  
the legacy  
of memory

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**J**oshua is leading the congregation today—living proof that the plan to annihilate the Jewish people launched seventy years ago in Europe has been utterly defeated.

Over one-and-a-half million Jewish children died in the Holocaust. No one has ever been able to say why. It is beyond human understanding, a perpetual grief in the heart of humanity.

At best there are only fragmentary records of these young lives. Their persecutors did not consider them significant. Much of the information about the children comes from the memories of those who survived or those who escaped. Their love saved these memories. Our love can redeem them.

Joshua has chosen to bring **one name** and history back into living memory as he becomes Bar Mitzvah. Jonaton Shapiro—a name that once existed in a data base of the lost—through this act now becomes once again dear to living souls.

By accepting the legacy of memory, Joshua becomes the guardian of the Jewish past and the realization of the Jewish future. You complete this transfer to a new generation by being a witness.

One of our holy teachers, Rabbi Nachman, taught “with great joy comes sadness, with sadness comes great joy.” Today as you celebrate Joshua’s Bar Mitzvah and his act of memory, you also embody this inseparable, most Jewish mix of memory, sorrow, joy, hope, and renewal.

**T**he **Remember Us Project** is provided to families and congregations without charge, and depends on the voluntary support of the Jewish people.

Donate in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Maurice Cohen and the memory of Jonaton Shapiro z”l. Your donation will be used to bring the Remember Us concept to the next generation of Jewish children.

*I will remember*

*Please write in your name. We will inform the family of your generosity.*

The numerical value of the Hebrew word for Life, *Chai*, is 18. It is Jewish tradition to bless life by making donations in multiples of *Chai*: \$18, 36, 54, etc.

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