



Remembering the Past, Shaping the Future

Names Recovery Campaign

Project Talking Points

- Over the past 50 years, Yad Vashem has been working to recover the names of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. Half of these Jews are memorialized in Yad Vashem's Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names, which contains over three million names, pictures and biographical details of Jews who perished in the Holocaust.
- It is our duty to help recover their identities and memorialize each individual Jew who perished, lest their legacies be lost forever.
- Each Jew who perished deserves a memorial, yet most did not receive any sort of burial. To commemorate and bear witness to the lives of our murdered brethren, Yad Vashem has created Pages of Testimony, forms for registering Holocaust victims.
- Each Page, completed by friends or acquaintances of victims - mainly survivors or their descendants, contains a victim's name, biographical details, and a photograph when available.
- These private memorials, stored for perpetuity in Yad Vashem's [Hall of Names](#) in Jerusalem, serve as a public commemoration for the Jewish people and all of mankind.
- Each Page is also entered on the Online Database of Shoah Victims' Names that currently contains some three million names.
- On the Database you can search to see if a name has already been submitted, submit new names and photographs, add or correct information on existing names, and learn about Jewish life before, during and after the Holocaust.
- **Millions of victims remain unidentified** and Yad Vashem **calls on Jews** and Jewish communities to join the Names Recovery Campaign. **This is a race against time.** Holocaust survivors may not be able to share their memories later on.
- We can help by:
 - Checking your own family roots and submitting unregistered names, photos and documents online.
 - Assisting survivors, their families and others to fill out Pages of Testimony and submit them to Yad Vashem.