**Commemoration Ceremony for October 7th - One Year Later**

**A Guide for Jewish Communities Worldwide**

In collaboration with the Shitim Institute and the Zionist Enterprises Department of the World Zionist Organization, we are happy to offer you a free of charge booklet.

As we approach the first anniversary of the tragic events of October 7th, 2023, Jewish communities around the world seek ways to commemorate, reflect, and unite. This ceremony booklet, developed in partnership with the Shitim Institute, offers a framework for creating meaningful, community-specific remembrance events.

The proposed ceremony draws inspiration from Israel's annual Yom Ha’Zikaron (Memorial Day) observances but is tailored to address the unique context of the October 7th attacks and the ongoing conflict since. It provides a structure that communities can adapt to reflect their own character, values, and mourning traditions.

**Key Features of the Ceremony Guide:**

1. **Flexible Format**: The guide offers a 40-minute ceremony outline that can be adjusted to suit various community sizes and settings.
2. **Interactive Elements**: Includes suggestions for pre-ceremony activities that encourage active participation and sharing among community members.
3. **Diverse Content**: Incorporates readings, songs, recorded testimonies, and guiding narratives to create a comprehensive and emotionally resonant experience.
4. **Customization Options**: Emphasizes the importance of tailoring the ceremony to each community's unique context, including references to local connections with Israel and partner communities.
5. **Thematic Sections**: The ceremony is structured around key themes such as remembrance, unity, and hope for the future.

We invite Jewish communities worldwide to use this guide as a starting point for creating meaningful, locally relevant commemoration events. By coming together in this way, we strengthen our collective memory, support for Israel, and hope for a peaceful future.

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