

Remember and Never Forget!

New York, May 1, 2011 – The young Jewish leaders of Ezra USA gathered together to commemorate Yom Ha'Shoah in honor of the victims and martyrs of the Holocaust. Amid poems, photographs, songs, prayers, stories and undoubtedly tears, emerged the impact of the Holocaust 66 years later. To share in the commitment to remember, children as young as 9 years old welcomed several generations into Ezra's Dmitriy Salita Center. Lining the walls of the large room were photographs, taken by the young leaders who traveled to the Concentration Camps in Poland, of the terrifying destiny that awaited European Jewry in the 20th century. Often difficult to look at, these images of shoes, of mangled glasses, of crematoriums, cattle cars, and cyanide are a chilling reminder of an event that realistically occurred not too long ago. Images of such hatred are beyond our comprehension. You would think that

anyone who remembers this nightmare would want to bury it in the past, close the door of what once was...Instead, surrounded by those willing (and almost begging) to

listen, two Holocaust Survivors – Faina Zaltsman, 75, a Holocaust survivor from Kishinev, Moldova, and Boris Feldman, 90, a Holocaust survivor and a WWII Veteran,

things were lost in the Holocaust, the Jewish will to survive, to be good people, to regain strength overcame the darkness. Emerging from concentration camps, prisoners went out into the world to build families and to try to continue living with intensity. Ezra's May 1st Yom Ha'Shoah Ceremony is in honor of their heroism and in honor of all those who we will continue to remember as we make our mark on the Jewish world.

About Ezra USA

Ezra USA is a non-profit organization strives to engage the Jewish Russian-speaking young adults through social educational and cultural programs in order to strengthen their love for Judaism, the land of Israel, to deepen a personal commitment to Jewish life, to encourage participation in Jewish organizations and to fight assimilation. Ezra USA endeavors to inspire the next generation of Jewish leaders and to connect Taglit-Birthright Israel participants to the Jewish world at large. Ezra USA is a Federally Tax-Exempt Organization as determined by the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3).

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