

Spiritual Care Corner



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Heroes

Today is Yom HaShoah. When we remember those killed in the Holocaust, we look for reasons. How could this happen? Why did God do this to us? We look for blame. We look for something beyond ourselves. It wasn't us, we are victims, those other people were monsters. It's God's fault.

The other part of the holiday's title says something very different. The full title is Yom Hazikaron laShoah ve-laG'vurah. Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust - and the Heroism. It is the Heroism that reminds us to look inward. To say, "this is what we did." We did not let it happen, we fought back, we found those who had compassion and helped. That is what counts.

So, there is a lesson for us in the fight against our virus. It is not to look elsewhere for blame. To ask God why? The question to ask, and the question that will be asked, is, "what did we do about it?" Our actions are the things that endure and the behaviors that raise us above purely being victims or bystanders, but rather, heroes.

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