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**Jacob**  
accepts  
the legacy  
of memory



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 **Remember Us**  
*Passing the Flame of Memory to the Next Generation*

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Jacob is leading the congregation today by choosing to honor the memory of a child who was lost in the Holocaust. Jacob's decision, as he becomes a Bar Mitzvah, to bring one name and history back into living memory, is a testament to the strength and resilience of the Jewish people.

Josef Berg z"l – a name recorded in the Yad Vashem Pages of Testimony – is now known and lovingly remembered in the Temple community through Jacob's act of remembrance.

Over one-and-a-half million Jewish children died in the Holocaust, an unbearable truth that is beyond human understanding. It will remain a perpetual grief in the heart of humanity.

At best there are only fragmentary records of those young lives. Much of the information about these children comes from the memories of those who survived or escaped. Their courage and love helped carry on these memories.

By accepting the legacy of memory, Jacob 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 great teachers, Rabbi Nachman, taught, "with great joy comes sadness, with sadness comes great joy." Today as you celebrate Jacob's Bar Mitzvah and his act of memory, you also contribute to a momentous observance of memory, sorrow, joy and hope for the Jewish people.

***Remember Us*** relies on the voluntary support of the community to bring *The Holocaust Bnai Mitzvah Project* to congregations across the globe. To help support the work of remembrance, please consider a contribution in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Cohen and the memory of Josef Berg z"l.

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