



Community Art Project for All Ages Leaves of Memory & Hope Marking Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut

Yom HaZikaron, Israel's official Memorial Day for its fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism and Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day will be of great significance this year following 7 October attacks and their violent aftermath. On **the afternoon and evening of Shabbat 11 May** we will mark these days with a multi-media event.

As part of this event, artists from our community will create a Tree and we would like everyone to contribute their leaf of memory and hope. The artwork will be finished off at the event by all participants and then displayed for a few weeks.

How to Contribute:

- Pick up your leaf template – either from the box in the Foyer, the Office or the group activity you are attending
- Think about what Israel, Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut mean to you this year – spend time thinking about what you want to put on your leaf
- You can write, draw, paint, build a collage on your leaf to express perhaps your memories, feelings, connections to, messages of peace and hope for Israel
- You can be as colourful and as creative as you like
- Once finished, if you would like to, please sign and date your leaf either on the front or back
- Please then hand your finished leaf to one of the professional staff team
- Your leaf must be handed in **no later than 8 May 2024**.

What happens next to your Leaf:

- Jessica Rosenfield and Sue Haskel, two volunteer members of the community will bring together your leaves to make a beautiful tree using seeded paper as the trunk that will then be planted after the artwork is dismantled.
- At our Yom HaZikaron/Yom Ha'Atzmaut event on 11 May which begins at 18:30 we will complete the Tree by adding Doves of Peace and Dog Tags for the hostages to the work that we have created together.
- This is a project for all ages and we hope both young and old will contribute to our message for Israel at this time

Further Information:

If you require any information or would like to discuss the project further then please contact Rabbi Golan golan@alyth.org.uk

