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**70 Days
for 70 Years**

Remember the past to build the future

Resource Pack

Foreword

10 years ago, during the *60 Days for 60 Years* project, one school in the UK, Immanuel College, stood out with their engagement in the project. That was down mainly to their Head of Jewish Studies, Rabbi Johnny Solomon, who prepared something each day to add to daily essay, whether a quote he had found or an idea that took added depth for the reader.

Ten years on, the *70 Days for 70 Years* project has taken that concept to a whole new level with Rabbi Solomon, who now lives in Israel, producing a detailed resource pack which allows rabbis, teachers and educators to take the project beyond just the book.

While reading through this pack, I was gratified to see how many ideas and programmes can be generated from each essay. It is my hope that many of the thousands of Jewish people that participate in this project will benefit from the ideas in this pack.

This pack also demonstrates the power of the 70 Days project. It is not simply enough to hand a book and a card to someone. Taken together, the book, card, website and social media campaign allow us as educators to explore a many ways to deepen the impact of the project on our students and congregants which we hope will increase their learning and participation in Jewish life.

I would like to thank Rabbi Solomon for this outstanding piece of work which has allowed us to take this project to the next level and is a meaningful way to pay tribute to the six million and to allow us to learn and grow as Jews – to remember.

I also thank Rabbi Michael Laitner for his work on this pack, the United Synagogue’s Marketing Department in London for its assistance and our designer Lloyd Schroeder of www.roedz.com for his wonderful presentation.

May we all have an inspiring 70 days and beyond.

Rabbi Andrew Shaw

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The Purpose of the 70for70 Pack

וְכַאֲשֶׁר תִּקְוִים מִן הַסֵּפֶר - תִּחְפֹּשׁ בְּאֲשֶׁר
לְמַדְתָּ אִם יֵשׁ בּוֹ דָבָר אֲשֶׁר תּוּכַל לְקַיְמוֹ

When you rise from study, ponder carefully what you have learned and consider whether there is anything that you can put into practise.

Ramban (1194-1270)

When 60for60 was launched in 2005, we were inspired by the many individuals, groups, schools and communities who not only read the book with great enthusiasm, but also sought to apply what they had learnt from each of the essays. It soon became clear to us that 60for60 not only contained 60 essays on Jewish topics, but in fact, also contained the kernel of at least 60 projects that could impact the world.

Now, with the 70for70 project, we have put together a pack filled with ideas which communal leaders may apply in their respective communities in relation to each of the essays found in the 70 Days for 70 Years book. Some ideas are simple (such as tweeting a short quote from the essay of the day, running an art competition for youth or watching a specific movie), while others are much more ambitious (such as visiting a Holocaust Museum or organising a retreat inspired by Chassidic teachings concerning meditation). However, all of them seek to put the learning arising from this great project into practise and thereby impact the world for the better.

It is our hope that *70 Days for 70 Years* will not only be welcomed as a stimulating and inspiring book of 70 world-class essays, but assisted by this Resource Pack, will serve as a call to positive Jewish action in order to reignite our identity, practise and acts of loving-kindness.

Rabbi Johnny Solomon

The 70 Days Calendar

JEWISH HISTORY	TORAH & THE MODERN WORLD	PHILOSOPHY & CHAGIM	HOLOCAUST & REBIRTH	LIVING THE TANACH	LIVING JUDAISM	STORIES ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
25 th January ה'י שבט	26 th January ו'י שבט	27 th January ז'י שבט	28 th January ח'י שבט	29 th January ט'י שבט	30 th January י'י שבט	31 st January יא'י שבט
1. <i>Surviving Exile</i> by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks	2. <i>Spirituality</i> by Rabbi Dr Abraham Twerski	3. <i>The Crime I Didn't Commit</i> by Sara Yocheved Rigler	4. <i>The Nazis</i> by Professor Laurence Rees	5. <i>Avraham Avinu: Our Founding Father</i> by MK Rabbi Dov Lipman	6. <i>Shabbat: The Power of Creativity</i> by Chief Dr Rabbi Warren Goldstein	7. <i>The Rabbi and the Professor</i> by Rabbi Ari Kahn
1 st February יב'י שבט	2 nd February יג'י שבט	3 rd February יד'י שבט	4 th February טו'י שבט	5 th February טז'י שבט	6 th February יז'י שבט	7 th February יח'י שבט
8. <i>Worlds Within Words - the Mishnah and the Talmud</i> by Rabbi Malcolm Herman	9. <i>A Peace of Torah</i> by Rabbi Gil Student	10. <i>Hoshana Rabba - Education over Legislation</i> by Rabbi Davey Blackman	11. <i>Jewish Life in Europe After the Holocaust</i> by Ruth Ellen Gruber	12. <i>What Made Moses the Greatest Prophet?</i> by Rabbi Dr Shlomo Riskin	13. <i>How Can People Outside the Traditional Family Model Find a Home in Judaism?</i> by Rabbi Shaul Robinson	14. <i>A Tale of Three Torahs</i> by Dayan Yonason Abraham
8 th February יט'י שבט	9 th February כ'י שבט	10 th February כא'י שבט	11 th February כב'י שבט	12 th February כג'י שבט	13 th February כד'י שבט	14 th February כה'י שבט
15. <i>The Crusades & Ashkenaz Jewry</i> by Elana Chesler	16. <i>The ABC of Kabbalah</i> by Rabbi David Aaron	17. <i>Poking the Lion: the Strange Jewish Path to Happiness</i> by Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Rosenblatt	18. <i>Opportunity within Crisis</i> by Avraham Duvdevani	19. <i>Miriam: Tapping Life's Potential</i> by Rebbetzin Holly Pavlov	20. <i>Getting to Know My Uncle Lou: Making Prayer Invigorating</i> by Rabbi Micah Greenland	21. <i>Hovering Above the Pit - Zeide's Coat Tails</i> by Rabbi Yaakov Asher Sinclair
15 th February כו'י שבט	16 th February כז'י שבט	17 th February כח'י שבט	18 th February כט'י שבט	19 th February ל'י שבט	20 th February א'י אדר	21 st February ב'י אדר
22. <i>Spanish Jewry in the Middle Ages</i> by Rabbi Berel Wein	23. <i>Jewish Eternity</i> by Rabbi Shraga Feivel Zimmerman	24. <i>Chanukah - Embracing Our Identity</i> by Cantor Albert Chait	25. <i>Shoah by Bullets</i> by Father Patrick Desbois	26. <i>Ruth: For the Love of It</i> by Rabbi Eli and Rebbetzin Lauren Levin	27. <i>Building Blocks for a Jewish Home</i> by Rabbi Hershel Becker	28. <i>The Symbol and the Sign</i> by Rabbi Mordechai Ginsbury
22 nd February ג'י אדר	23 rd February ד'י אדר	24 th February ה'י אדר	25 th February ו'י אדר	26 th February ז'י אדר	27 th February ח'י אדר	28 th February ט'י אדר
29. <i>Books, Ghettos and the Reformation - A Century of Turmoil</i> by Rabbi Aubrey Hersh	30. <i>The Definition of Self</i> by Rabbi Shaya Karlinsky	31. <i>Tikkun Olam</i> by Rabbi Gideon Sylvester	32. <i>Why Did the Nazis Murder the Jews?</i> by Dr Robert Rozett	33. <i>King David: Small but Mighty</i> by Dr Erica Brown	34. <i>Why Does Judaism Place So Much Emphasis on Marriage?</i> by Rabbi Y Y Rubinstein	35. <i>Not So Long Ago and Not So Far Away</i> by Rabbi Hanoch Teller

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36. <i>False Messiahs – Shabbetai Zvi</i> by Dayan Ivan Binstock	37. <i>Jews and Good citizenship</i> by Anthony Julius	38. <i>Barter, Contract, or Covenant</i> by Rabbi Dr Norman Lamm	39. <i>A Prayer</i> by Elie Weisel	40. <i>Esther: A Study in Bravery</i> by Rabbi Joseph Dweck	41. <i>The Importance of Synagogue and Community in Contemporary Life</i> by Rabbi Mark Dratch	42. <i>Surviving the Holocaust with the Jewish Partisans</i> by Jack Kagan
8 th March יז' אדר	9 th March יח' אדר	10 th March יט' אדר	11 th March כ' אדר	12 th March כא' אדר	13 th March כב' אדר	14 th March כג' אדר
43. <i>Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov (1698-1760)</i> by Dr Naftali Loewenthal	44. <i>Free Will, Imagination and Distortion</i> by Rabbi Dr Akiva Tatz	45. <i>Identifying the Haggadah's Wayward Son</i> by Rabbi Doron (Laurence) Perez	46. <i>Confronting Providence in the Modern World</i> by Rabbi Steven Weil	47. <i>Isaiah – The Potency of Prophecy</i> by Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum	48. <i>The Definition of a Mitzvah</i> by Rabbi Yitzchak Schochet	49. <i>Deeds of Distinction</i> by Rabbi Paysach Krohn
15 th March כד' אדר	16 th March כה' אדר	17 th March כו' אדר	18 th March כז' אדר	19 th March כח' אדר	20 th March כט' אדר	21 st March א' ניסן
50. <i>From East to West – The New Immigrants</i> by Rabbi Aubrey Hersh	51. <i>Religion and Science: The Great Partnership</i> by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks	52. <i>Is Judaism still relevant today?</i> by Rabbi Daniel Rowe	53. <i>How the Jewish people reclaimed their heritage in their land</i> by H.E. Ambassador Daniel Taub	54. <i>Yirmiyahu: Man of Truth</i> by Rebbetzin Shani Taragin	55. <i>The future for Jews in Europe</i> by Chief Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt	56. <i>Rescue</i> by Sir Nicholas Winton
22 nd March ב' ניסן	23 rd March ג' ניסן	24 th March ד' ניסן	25 th March ה' ניסן	26 th March ו' ניסן	27 th March ז' ניסן	28 th March ח' ניסן
57. <i>The Beginnings of Zionism</i> by Sir Martin Gilbert	58. <i>All You Need is Love: Does It Matter What Jews Believe or Just What They Do?</i> by Rabbi Dr Harvey Belovski	59. <i>Bringing Israel to Every Home</i> by Rebbetzin Lori Palatnick	60. <i>Holocaust Memory and Holocaust Commemoration</i> by Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schachter	61. <i>Daniel in the Lion's Den - A Modern Day Hero</i> by Rebbetzin Tziporah Heller	62. <i>Niddah and Jewish Sexual Ethics</i> by Rebbetzin Rivka Slonim	63. <i>Out of the Depths</i> by Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau
29 th March ט' ניסן	30 th March י' ניסן	31 st March יא' ניסן	1 st April יב' ניסן	2 nd April יג' ניסן	3 rd April יד' ניסן	4 th April טו' ניסן
64. <i>An American in Poland</i> by Chief Rabbi Michael Schudrich	65. <i>Uniting Jews in Our Time</i> by Rabbi Steven Burg	66. <i>What does Judaism say about Theodicy?</i> by Rabbi Dr Michael Harris	67. <i>Valley of the Shadow of Darkness</i> by Professor Deborah Lipstadt	68. <i>How a Conversation Changed the World</i> by Rabbi Michael Laitner	69. <i>The Path to a Jewish Life</i> by Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis	70. <i>A Girl called Esterke</i> by Professor Yaffa Eliach

Shabbat: The Power of Creativity

Chief Rabbi Dr Warren Goldstein

ESSAY SUMMARY:

In his essay, Chief Rabbi Dr Goldstein reflects on the origins of the 7 day week as found in *Parashat Bereishit*. He reflects on the premise that God created the world in 7 days and was seemingly unproductive on the 7th day itself. Chief Rabbi Goldstein responds by noting that Shabbat inspires creativity by nurturing our internal (spiritual and emotional) identity. He concludes with a reference to 'The Shabbos Project' which has created "a spirit of renewed inspiration and unity for the Jewish People".



“When we desist from all physical creativity on Shabbat, we are free to create a renewed spiritual and emotional identity.”

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Chief Rabbi Goldstein created 'The Shabbos Project' (www.theshabbosproject.org) which is an international Jewish unity initiative that brings together millions of Jews to keep one Shabbat together. Consequently, the greatest activity to apply the lessons of Chief Rabbi Goldstein's essay lies in encouraging the observance of Shabbat in your community. This can occur through ShabbatUK (www.shabbatuk.org) or by 'Sharing One Shabbos' (SOS) as was done by the Boca Raton (FL) community (www.youtube.com/watch?v=deOeYRGW3Bg).

- A.** Have a 'mini' community Shabbaton with a guest speaker during the 70 Days project.
- B.** Start planning a Shabbat away. (In the UK, US Living & Learning can help US communities to do this. Please contact info@70for70.com).
- C.** Do one more thing for Shabbat during 70for70 than previously.
- D.** Institute a 'one halacha of Shabbat per day' learning programme, perhaps via a podcast.
- E.** Get planning for the next International Shabbos Project, which is due to take place on 23-24 October 2015.

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FOR A LIST OF SUGGESTED SPEAKERS RELATED TO THE SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES, SEE APPENDIX.

DAY NO. **46**

HOLOCAUST & REBIRTH

Confronting Providence in the Modern World

Rabbi Steven Weil

(for further details, see APPENDIX I)

ESSAY SUMMARY:

In his essay, Rabbi Weil reflects on the new ‘festivals’ of Yom Haatzmaut and Yom Yerushalayim, especially their function in praising God for all that He did, and does. Rabbi Weil then discusses the events that led to the establishment of Yom Haatzmaut and Yom Yerushalayim. He argues that it is our obligation to praise God for His involvement with His people in the Land of Israel. We also have an obligation to support the people in Israel in whichever way we can.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

No matter where we are living, we can still reach out and support our brothers and sisters who live in Israel. Their presence in Israel is on behalf of Jews everywhere. This can be done by giving money, time or expertise to help develop the Land, assisting its people and advocating for its security and protection.

Use this opportunity to show a film about the events that led to the establishment of the State of Israel, such as the relevant parts of ‘Heritage - Civilisation and the Jews’ by Abba Eban or the short videos, including one featuring Mrs Suzy Eban, at www.mizrachi.org/november-29-history-is-created. These are two examples of the many such films that are available.



“God actively and constantly is involved with His people, He nurtures and protects, and He alone determines the destiny of all humanity”

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Appendix I: Guest Speakers

In this section are details of GUEST SPEAKERS who will be happy to speak at a 70for70 event. Where a specific speaker has contributed to the book, we have listed the day that his/her essay appears in square brackets after their name.

	NAME OF SPEAKER	BIO/COSTS/CONTACT DETAILS
A	Dayan Yonason Abraham [14]	Dayan Abraham is available to speak on a broad range of Jewish topics both in the UK and elsewhere. He only charges for travel expenses, unless a speaking engagement involves an unusual amount of effort or time. To arrange a talk by Dayan Abraham, send an email to info@bethdin.org.uk (for the attn. of Dayan Abraham).
	Dr. Alexander Avram	Dr. Alexander Avram is the Director of the Hall of Names and the Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names at Yad Vashem. He can talk in Hebrew, English or Spanish, on the following topics: The history and significance of documentation and commemoration of Shoah victims' names, Jewish surnames, Jewish names during the Shoah period, and the history of Romanian Jewry. For further details, contact Dr. Avram by email on debbie.berman@yadvashem.org.il (contact person, Debbie Berman).
B	Rabbi Hershel Becker [27]	Rabbi Becker is available, for a fee, to speak on this and many other topics in schools, synagogues and community centres. While he is based in Miami, he is prepared to travel further. For further details, contact Rebbetzin Sima Becker 1(305)450-9310 or by email on sima@jewishblueprints.org
	Rabbi Dr. Harvey Belovski [58]	Rabbi Dr. Belovski is available, for a fee, to speak in London or overseas on any topic. For further details, contact Rabbi Dr. Belovski on rabbi@rabbibelovski.com
	Sara Berkowitz	Sara Berkowitz is the Head of Haredi Community Relations and part of the Shoah Victims' Names Recovery Project at Yad Vashem. Sara leads a team that has undergone specialised training to gather and document names of Shoah victims from private commemoration as found in plaques and religious artefacts in Synagogues, names engraved upon tombstones and memorials and from dedications found in <i>sefarim</i> (Religious and Torah commentary books). Her lecture relates to the amazing discoveries, stories and experiences that this fascinating project has revealed. For further details, contact Sara by email on debbie.berman@yadvashem.org.il (contact person, Debbie Berman).
	Dayan Ivan Binstock [36]	Dayan Binstock is available to speak on Jewish History, Jewish Law, Science and Religion, Prayer, <i>Minhagim</i> (Jewish customs), <i>Minhag Anglia</i> (Anglo-Jewish customs) either in the UK or elsewhere for a fee. For further details, contact Dayan Binstock on dayan.binstock@bethdin.org.uk