



## A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Hostos Community,

April 27 marks the beginning of this year's Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Yom HaShoah commemorates the approximately six million Jews who were murdered by Nazi Germany and its followers before and during the Second World War, as well as the Jewish resistance fighters and other partisans who bravely fought against the rising tide of death that swept Europe during those terrible years. Yom HaShoah begins at sunset today and ends, like all traditional Jewish special days, the following evening.

A national Memorial Day in Israel, Yom HaShoah reminds the world of the vital importance of remembering the dead. In one brief and powerful sentence, the writer and Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel – a survivor of both Auschwitz and Buchenwald concentration camps – pointed out how necessary remembrance is: “To forget the victims means to kill them a second time.”

Remembering also reminds us that violence and virulent prejudice are, sadly, still at large both here and abroad. It is our duty to bear witness, speak out, and play a part in ending such destruction wherever we see it. We must never be silent; we must always stand on the side of the oppressed, never the oppressor. There is an individual and collective responsibility to look out for each other, and we must always be aware of this. It is up to all of us to make sure such wide-scale devastation is never repeated.

And so, on this solemn day, let us remember. And let us renew the vow: “Never again.”

In sorrow and remembrance,

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