



Yom HaShoah

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Enoch and Sarah Lavender / www.pastorenoch.com.au

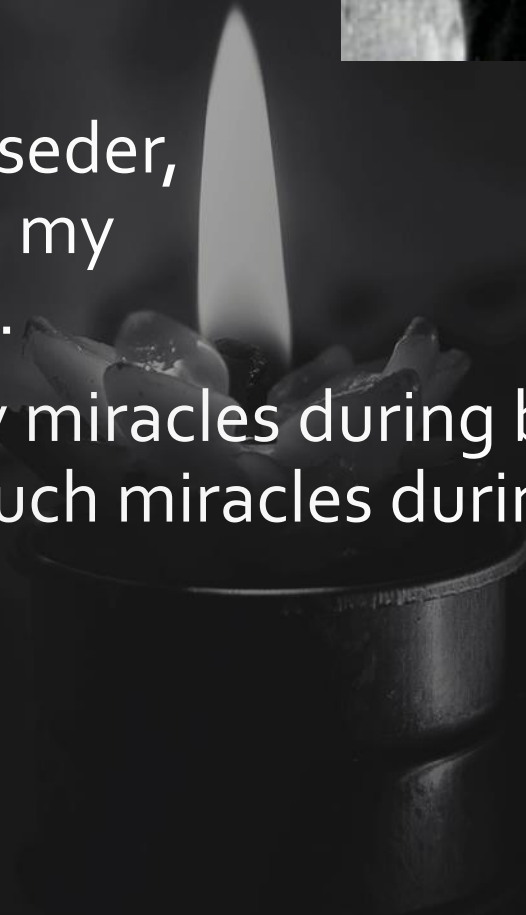
Yom HaShoah this Tuesday

- Holocaust remembrance day
- 2 minutes silence
- Sirens across the land
- All traffic stops
- Holocaust documentaries on tv,
low key songs on radio,
flags on half mast
- Ps 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of His faithful ones.



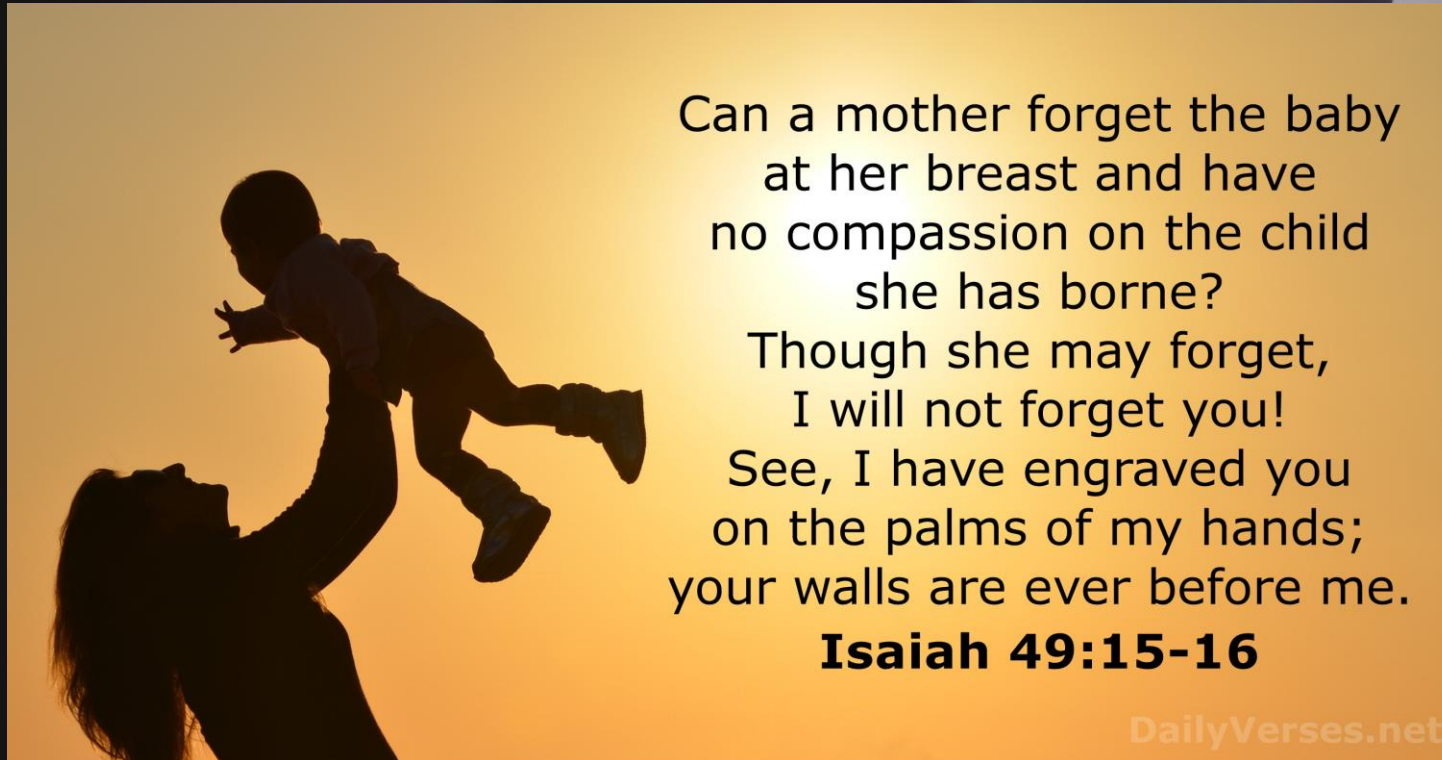
Straight after Passover

- Passover – the time of miracles
- Such a contrast with Yom HaShoah
- **MENACHEM DAUM:** At the Passover seder, my mother Fela would get annoyed as my father Moshe recited the Exodus story.
- She would ask him, if God did so many miracles during biblical times, then why hadn't she seen any such miracles during the Holocaust?
- Fela had a pure faith until she got off the train at Auschwitz...



Did God Forget Israel?

- **Is 49:** ¹⁴ But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, And my Lord has forgotten me."



Can a mother forget the baby
at her breast and have
no compassion on the child
she has borne?
Though she may forget,
I will not forget you!
See, I have engraved you
on the palms of my hands;
your walls are ever before me.

Isaiah 49:15-16

Visiting Yad V'shem

- Israel's Holocaust Museum
- Children's memorial remembering 1.5 million children who died



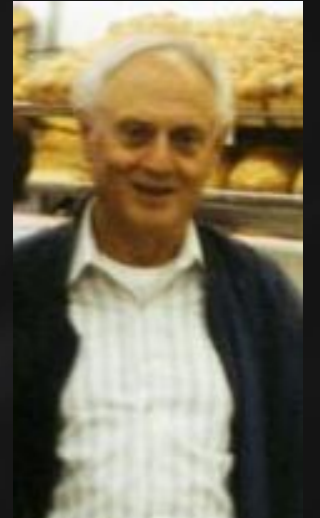
Fountain of Tears

- The fourth panel - Abandonment:
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Mark 15:34



Keeping the Ritual

- Max Feig – survived several concentration camps. Goes to synagogue, studies Talmud, but
- Some survivors held onto faith so as not to give Hitler a belated victory with the Jews abandoning Judaism.
- Held on to ritual, but it was religion from a crushed heart....
- How could they believe in a good God?
- This skepticism can still be affecting many today – descendants of holocaust survivors and the wider Jewish community



Losing the Faith

- Young Rabbi's son cries out: "God, stop this truck"
- There is no God.....
- Many lost their faith, turned their back on being Jewish, decided to intermarry and raise their Children as non-Jews



The Hope of Lamentations

- A book of perfect and complete suffering
- Lem 3:21
This I recall to my mind,
Therefore I have hope.
- ²² *Through* the LORD's mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.
²³ *They are new every morning;*
Great *is* Your faithfulness.



Sarah's Story

- Crying as a baby
- Baby sitter couldn't make her quiet so....
- Years later –
doubting that God will hear her prayer...
as her parents didn't hear her cries...
- A different perspective:
God was there!



Healing The Lie

- Deep down – God will not answer my prayers
- Healing: Seeing God's hand in the situation
- Some of us may carry a deep seated cynicism / skepticism
- Holding back from God, not trusting Him
- God cannot and will not forget or forsake you

