

National Days of Remembrance

ORGANIZING A COMMEMORATION

Sample Ceremony for Faith Communities

A basic template for a Days of Remembrance ceremony suitable for a faith or interfaith setting is offered below. The structure and order may be adapted to fit specific circumstances, and faith leaders might wish to incorporate prayers or other liturgical elements from their traditions. Sources for appropriate materials can be found in this planning guide or are listed in the bibliography.

Opening music

Invocation

Welcoming remarks

Reading of the official state or city
Days of Remembrance proclamation

Candle-lighting ceremony

Musical interlude

Keynote speaker

and/or

Testimony from a Holocaust survivor,
liberator, or rescuer

and/or

Reading or poem

and/or

Film showing

Benediction

Closing music