

# Mid-week Reflection for week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> January

## Holocaust Memorial Day

Joshua 1 v 1-9

January 27<sup>th</sup> was marked as Holocaust Memorial Day. Anyone who has visited the Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem is left in no doubt as to the horrors and suffering that occurred during the Second World War amongst the Jewish people.

Ruth Minsky Sender was one of those incarcerated in the Mittlesteine Labour Camp #55082. Her brothers sent to Auschwitz. Her days were spent digging the hard earth, but surviving was what she did by writing poetry and every Sunday morning she would read them to the women in the room to bring a bit of happiness and hope to their tragic lives. Her mother didn't survive but her legacy 'While there's life, there's hope', led to Ruth's survival. Joshua commanded his people to; - To be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed for the Lord you God is with you wherever you go.

### Let us pray.

Lord we pray for all those who have suffered at the hands of others because of their beliefs. We pray for understanding amongst nations; understanding of leaders; for those people who have no control over their lives and find themselves at the mercy of those who dictate life. May they find strength and courage and hope for their future knowing that God is at their side every step of the way. *Amen*

### Meditation

Who will count our bloody tears?

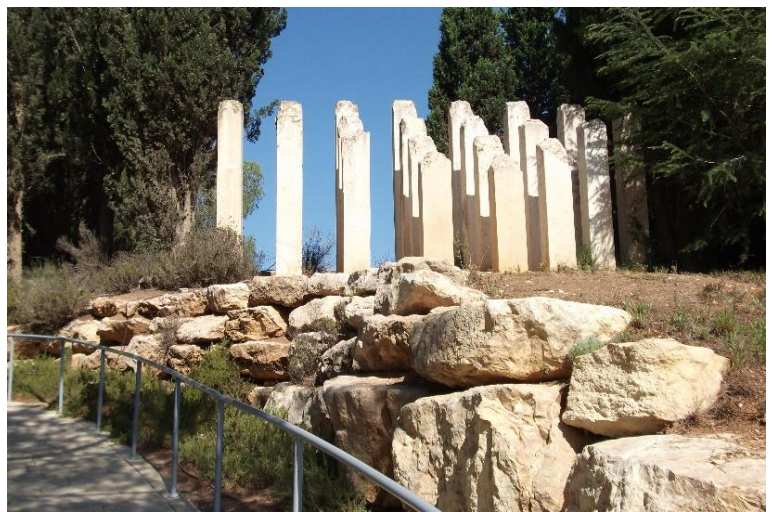
Who will comprehend the evil of this day?

Who will cry out

Where is justice?

(By Ruth Minsky Sender)

May we remember.



For the children who never grew up.  
The Children's Memorial in the museum gardens, Jerusalem