**Kristallnacht Facilitation -- Tuesday evening**

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Good evening gentlemen, Thanks to each of you for volunteering to facilitate a group Tuesday evening. Please print this out so you have it available to you when you facilitate your group. I will also be facilitating a group and Alan Mintz is on standby to do so, if we have enough people registered to make it necessary to add him. Here are a few pointers on facilitation, for those of you that are looking for a little guidance: Participants will be assigned randomly to groups. Based on registrations thus far, we will each have 6 or 7 people in our group.* There are 6 questions below. Given that the discussions will be for a little less than an hour, that implies about 10 minutes per question. That said, the important thing is to keep people engaged. I don’t think you need to feel compelled to get everything in. In other words, the questions are a guide and the best use is to use them to keep the conversation flowing.
* Try to get everyone involved and don’t let any one person excessively dominate the conversation. Consider having a different person be the first to answer each of the questions. Also, try to keep things lively and feel free to call on people for their thoughts. I avoid going around right to left (around a circle or Zoom Hollywood Squares) because that seems to me more structured than I think is ideal.
* Ask open end follow up questions such as: “What do you think about that” or “I would be interested to hear what you are thinking” or various other ways to draw people out. Try to avoid question that can be answered “yes” or “no”.
* You will likely begin your group discussion about 7:20 or 7:25. Keep your eye on the clock so time doesn’t get completely away from you. At 8:10, you will get a notice on your screen that your session will end in 5 minutes and we will all be returning to the full group.

 Leaders can introduce these group discussions with the following:      "We have all just viewed this short video relating to the events leading to and occurring on Kristallnacht in 1938. I have a few discussion questions to share our thoughts 82 years later, including in light of events as we see them today.“ As we discuss, please try to keep to these general practices:* Express personal thoughts and reactions
* Try to keep your comments brief, leaving time for others to share their thoughts too
* It’s perfectly okay to react to something someone else expresses, but it is not okay to tell someone their feelings are wrong or misguided. Their feelings are their feelings and there is no right or wrong here. Bottomline … be respectful
* Raise your hand when you have something you want to say. When you are not talking, it is best to mute yourself and then unmute when recognized to share your thoughts. Only one person can speak at a time.
* Please respect the moderator’s role in facilitating the discussion, including recognizing who’s turn is next, to bring a comment to a close if it is going on too long, or to ask someone to further explain or expand on something said
* Specific attribution of what someone said in this discussion should not leave this discussion. What’s said in the Zoom stays in the Zoom.

Let’s start. Here’s the first question:   1.  What does the memory of Kristallnacht mean to you today?     2.  Do you see parallels between attitudes during the Kristallnacht period and today that concern you as a Jew today in the United States?  3.  Do we as Jews in general and/or you individually talk about the Holocaust and Anti-Semitism with friends and family, other than in structured programs?   4.  How well are we educating our younger generations about Kristallnacht and the Holocaust? Should we do more? What are the key impressions we think should be made?    5.  Is rising Anti-Semitism a concern for you? How so? How does Kristallnacht and the Holocaust instruct us about what to do?    6.  Where do we go from here? Again, thanks to all of you. Just ask if you have any questions and use REPLY ALL if you do so.  Best,  Barry Seeskin |