

Embroider Your Remembered Child's Name Together with Your Own:

As part of his Bar Mitzvah, Alex Dilena decided to remember a child from the Holocaust who was lost to the world before he could become Bar Mitzvah. He will be remembering Fishel Bresler, an 11 year old boy from Holland.

Fishel was born October 25th 1931. He lived in Didam, in the Gilderland district of the Netherlands. Fishel died in the Shoah at Sobibor concentration camp on June 11th, 1943. His parents' names were never recorded. To eternalize Fishel's name, Alex will have his name embroidered together with his own on his tallit, so they will be together whenever Alex wears his Tallit.

Create A Personalized Tallit



: This lovely tallit is the handiwork of Rebecca Simon, a fabric artist whose daughters, Mollie and Jessica, wanted to do something special to commemorate the two girls they remembered at their Bnai Mitzvah in June of last year. The two girls lost in Shoah were Miriam Veitzenberg z"l and Josette Arrovas z"l. In honor of Mollie and Jessica's Bnai Mitzvah and to fulfill the commandment of hiddur mitzvah, beautification of the mitzvah, Rebecca created this prayer shawl worn for her daughters' ceremony. Mollie and Jessica participated in the remembrance by making fabric squares that were sewn onto the garment.

But the story does not end there. Mollie and Jessica have invited other students at their temple who are remembering lost children to make fabric squares that can be sewn onto the tallit. The first student to take up their invitation was Sarah Fridovich-Keil at her Bat Mitzvah last year. She remembered Rochel Levy and has added a square of her own. The Simon family would love to see more future Bar and Bat Mitzvahs at their shul take part in the Tallit and add a square to remember a child.