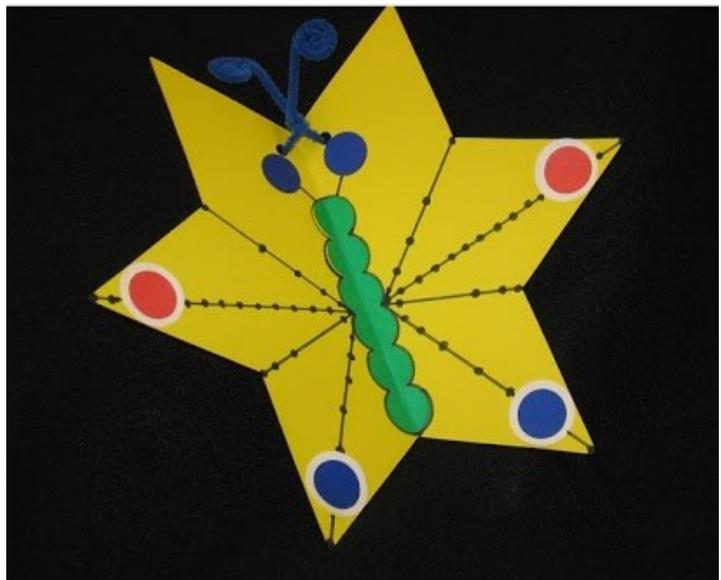


# Yellow Star to Butterfly

Jewish communities and families choose different ways to observe and commemorate Yom Hashoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, but it can be difficult to teach young children the significance of this day and about the Holocaust itself. Instead, use this simple craft as an opportunity to talk to kids about treating others with loving kindness, and how to act like an Upstander. This activity changes a yellow Star of David, a symbol of the anti-Semitism that Jewish people experienced in Nazi Germany, into a yellow butterfly, a symbol of hope and of the children of the time.

## What you will need:

- Yellow paper (any kind)
- Scissors
- Decorations or craft supplies



## What to do:

- Cut the yellow paper into the shape of a Star of David (six points).
- Fold the star in half, to create a “butterfly” shape.
- Use decorations to change the star into a butterfly.

**Bonus Activity:** With older kids, consider reading the poem that inspired this activity, *The Butterfly* by Pavel Friedmann, found on the next page.



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**THE BUTTERFLY**  
**PAVEL FRIEDMANN**  
**THERESIENSTADT, 4 JUNE 1942**

He was the last. Truly the last.  
Such yellowness was bitter and blinding  
Like the sun's tear shattered on stone.  
That was his true colour.  
And how easily he climbed, and how high,  
Certainly, climbing, he wanted  
To kiss the last of my world.

I have been here seven weeks,  
'Ghettoized'.  
Who loved me have found me,  
Daisies call to me,  
And the branches also of the white chestnut in the yard.  
But I haven't seen a butterfly here.  
That last one was the last one.  
There are no butterflies, here, in the ghetto.

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