

## Continuing the tradition – Remembering Miriam and Fred Palmer in the Sanctum of Remembrance

Last week saw Jewish communities around the world commemorate Yom HaShoah; a significant day in the global calendar that honours the six million Jewish people who were murdered during the Holocaust by the National Socialists and their collaborators. These six million are remembered not just as an unfathomable number, but as the individual spirits and personalities that they were.

Last Sunday, 15 April, the Palmer, Zine and Olian families dedicated a plaque in the Museum's Sanctum of Remembrance in honour of the memory of their parents Miriam and Fred Palmer. The ceremony was attended by their three children and a large gathering of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Miriam Palmer was a volunteer at the Sydney Jewish Museum, who dedicated her time to sharing the story of her family's devastating loss and moments of triumph to students and adult visitors to the Museum. She used to speak of her husband Fred, the rebuilding of their lives together in Australia, and the subsequent beautiful family that they created and that continued to grow over the years.

Family members took turns telling memories of Miriam and Fred, and continued the legacy of Miriam's historic attendance to the commemoration of Yom HaShoah each year.

The Sydney Jewish Museum's Sanctum of Remembrance is a quiet memorial space created to honour the memory of the victims of the Shoah and those Holocaust survivors who are no longer with us.

If you would like to honour your loved ones with a plaque in the Sanctum of Remembrance, contact Rita Prager on 02 9360 7999 or [communityliaison@sjm.com.au](mailto:communityliaison@sjm.com.au)

