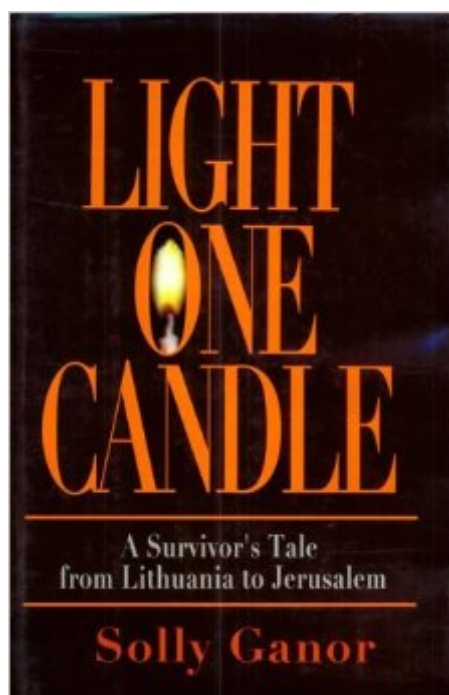


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# Light One Candle: A Survivor's Tale From Lithuania To Jerusalem



## Synopsis

Presents the testimony of a Lithuanian Holocaust survivor. In this book, Solly Ganor describes surviving by his wits, the twists of fate, and his lifelong connection with Japan.

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## Customer Reviews

In LIGHT ONE CANDLE, Solly Ganor takes the reader into that nightmare world of the Holocaust--I could practically feel the harsh elements, the constant danger of the camps. This book isn't another rote recitation of death counts. There's so much heart and compassion for all those swept up in these horrors. The insights into camp life include the primal nature of life stripped to its basics--such as the "storyteller" who keeps the outside world and traditions alive. Particularly poignant is Cooky, Ganor's childhood friend whose account of the slaughter at the Ninth Fort is more compelling than Dante's own descent into Hell. I personally feel Ganor's book is deserving of some national/international award. Actually, reading the book I wonder how Ganor got it all done. It must have been so painful to revisit these terrible, incomprehensible, sublime, poignant memories. To me it's the best book on the Holocaust, personal or otherwise--certainly it should be a companion to any serious study of this subject. To me it hits at the heart, gets into the soul. It's the humanity of the account, particularly those heart-rending final glimpses of the condemned trying to smile as they wave good-bye.

I just completed Light One Candle and it sits deeply in my heart. I am now doing consulting work in Lithuania and I wanted to read more about this country. This is the reason I picked up the book. As

well, though, I am a baby-boomer and so was born after World War II. All I know of the war is what I have seen in movies, TV or read. But this sad, yet courageous book helped me understand the war as I have never understood it. Little did I know how deeply I would be affected. Solly Ganor is a remarkable man and I have enormous respect for his bravery in such wretched times. In addition, though, this book taught me how much I owe to those thousands of American men and women who gave their lives so that Solly and I could live a normal life. I had never understood this before. Thank you, Solly Ganor, for teaching me so many things.

This book touched a part of my soul and humanity more than any other book I have read in recent memory. The incredible detail in which Mr. Ganor describes the horrors of the Nazi occupation of Lithuania, and his subsequent confinement in concentration camps is absolutely chilling. I turned each page with horrid fascination with the thought that things couldn't get worse for Mr. Ganor and his family; it always did. Mr. Ganor recounts his story with eloquent but simple prose that draws the reader directly into his world of loss, torture, cruelty, and often times heroic deeds. Even if you consider yourself a fairly good student of history (which I did), this book will most likely destroy any notion that you really "understand" the overwhelming horrors and atrocities committed during this dreadful time in our history. This book is one for the ages, and is proof positive that we should never forget.

i have read well over two hundred memoirs. This is worth crying over (not that other ones aren't also) and listening to very carefully. without sentimentality - without profession of feelings that may or may not have been felt but remembered...solly ganor brings the reader inside his mind and heart.

*Light One Candle: A Survivor's Tale From Lithuania To Jerusalem* is the autobiographical story of Solly Ganor, a man who survived the unspeakable holocaust of the Second World War when he was 13 years old through the intervention and rescue of a Japanese American soldier in 1945 (who himself had been released from a U.S. internment camp for Japanese Americans just a few months earlier). *Light One Candle* is a powerful and vividly told memoir of struggle, starvation, and the brutal tolls of concentration and extermination camps. *Light One Candle* is a welcome eye-witness testimony and a very highly recommended addition to personal reading lists as well as academic and community library Holocaust Studies reference collections.

Solly Ganor's book is simply not to be missed. This is a great narrative from a good man.

I found this book at a Japanese mall in Torrance, California! It was one of the only a handful of english books in the store. That intrigued me so I bought it. What followed was 5 days of me reading this book every spare moment I could. Being Jewish, I have been very fortunate to meet many holocaust survivors but reading this book was something I can't quite explain. It causes you to be very reflective about you life. It is both a traumatic book to read and one that serves as a remarkable testimony. I don't know where the strength to endure came from during those times for the author and his family. The writing is simple and he tells the story so very well. It is also important because it documents a first hand account of the righteous man - Consul Sugihara of Japan who saved 6000 people as well as documents the brave Japanese American regiments in WW2 who fought bravely while relatives at home were put in internment camps. These 2 facts explain why it was in the store I found it - I am grateful for having stumbled upon it. This book has made an indelible mark on my life.

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