

# Holocaust Memorial Day 2021

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## Statement of Commitment

The statement of commitment for HMD in the UK was created after the Stockholm Declaration was agreed. We recognise that the Holocaust shook the foundations of modern civilisation. Its unprecedented character and horror will always hold universal meaning

- we believe the Holocaust must have a permanent place in our nation's collective memory. We honour the survivors still with us, and reaffirm our shared goals of mutual understanding and justice
- we must make sure that future generations understand the causes of the Holocaust and reflect upon its consequences. We vow to remember the victims of Nazi persecution and of all genocides
- we value the sacrifices of those who have risked their lives to protect or rescue victims, as a touchstone of the human capacity for good in the face of evil
- we recognise that humanity is still scarred by the belief that race, religion, disability or sexuality make some people's lives worth less than others'. Genocide, anti-semitism, racism, xenophobia and discrimination still continue. We have a shared responsibility to fight these evils
- we pledge to strengthen our efforts to promote education and research about the Holocaust and other genocides. We will do our utmost to make sure that the lessons of such events are fully learnt
- we will continue to encourage Holocaust remembrance by holding an annual UK Holocaust Memorial Day. We condemn the evils of prejudice, discrimination and racism. We value a free, respectful, and democratic society

Be the Light in the Darkness



# Messages of Hope through resistance

- Personal Resistance
- Community resistance
- Spiritual and intellectual resistance
- Physical resistance
- Non Jewish resistance

# Oneg Shabbat



# Armed resistance



# The White Rose Movement



“How can we expect righteousness to prevail when there is hardly anyone willing to give himself up individually to a righteous cause? Such a fine, sunny day, and I have to go, but **WHAT DOES MY DEATH MATTER**, if through us, thousands of people are awakened and stirred to action?”

—Last words of Sophie Scholl, 1921–1943, before her execution by the Nazis



# Frank Foley and the Righteous amongst the Nations





# Janusz Korczak



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“I believe in the sun  
even when it is not shining  
And I believe in love,  
even when there’s no one there.  
And I believe in God,  
even when he is silent.  
I believe through any trial,  
there is always a way  
But sometimes in this suffering  
and hopeless despair  
My heart cries for shelter,  
to know someone’s there  
But a voice rises within me, saying hold on  
my child, I’ll give you strength,  
I’ll give you hope. Just stay a little while.  
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even when there’s no one there  
But I believe in God  
even when he is silent  
I believe through any trial  
there is always a way.  
May there someday be sunshine  
May there someday be happiness  
May there someday be love  
May there someday be peace....”

– Unknown