

# HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY VIGIL



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DAY 27/1

Torn from home

**Monday 28th January 2019**

**5.30pm to 7pm**

Winter Garden, Sheffield City Centre

## Programme



On Holocaust Memorial Day we share the memory of millions who have been murdered in the Holocaust and subsequent genocides in order to challenge hatred and persecution in the world today.

2019 marks the 25th anniversary of the  
Rwandan Genocide



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*(Welcome and lighting of candles)*

## Introduction

The Right Worshipful Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Cllr Magid Magid

## Reflection

Deputy Leader of Sheffield City Council, Cllr Olivia Blake

## Reflection

Julia Black, Chair of Sheffield & District Reform Jewish  
Congregation

'The Meaning of Home'.

## Poems

Pupils from Stocksbridge Academy reading their own collection  
of poems

'Deep and Lasting Impact'

## Readings

Pupils from High Storrs School

'On the Street Where I Live'

## Short Film

Susanne Pearson MBE, came to Sheffield on the  
Kindertransport from Prague in July 1939. This is her story.

## Reading

Emily-Rose Barker, PhD Student

'Holocaust, Home and Memory in Film and Literature'

## Reflection and Poem

David Sharman, LGBT+ Hub

'The Pink Triangle'

## Reflection

Debbie Sunday, Disability Sheffield

'On Making a New Home'

## Music and Reflection

Rabbi Golomb, Sheffield Jewish Orthodox Community

Singing 'Who Am I?' by Abe Rotenberg, adapted by Rabbi Golomb

## Statement of Commitment

*(All say together – see overleaf)*

Lord Mayor, Cllr Magid Magid

## Minute of Silence

Led by Lord Mayor, Cllr Magid Magid

## Music

By a local choir

## Close of Ceremony



Every year in **January**  
the world marks  
**Holocaust Memorial Day.**

## **United Nations Statement of Commitment**

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 genocide.

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, homophobia 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 genocide. 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, tolerant, and democratic society.