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The members of the Jewish Leadership Council are proud to associate themselves with a new initiative of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the “Forum for Yom HaShoah”, which comprises the 25 UK organisations involved in Holocaust education, awareness and remembrance activities and Survivor, Refugee and Ex-Service personnel welfare.

This initiative is to work within our community to increase awareness and observance of Yom HaShoah so as to ensure the continuing legacy of remembrance of this unique tragedy inflicted on the Jewish people, even after the remaining Survivors and Refugees will sadly no longer be with us. We wish to ensure that the tragedy is remembered in a specifically Jewish manner.

This year and the following four years, are a unique period since Yom HaShoah was established nearly 60 years ago, in which the date falls on a Sunday in four of these five years.

All the major Synagogue organisations have pledged their support and encouragement for this initiative and Synagogues have been asked to designate the Shabbat immediately preceding the Sunday of Remembrance as “Yom HaShoah Shabbat”. Special prayers will be recited, Rabbis will speak of the significance of the commemoration in their sermons and special recognition will be given to Survivors or Refugees in the congregation.

Many organisations will be organising special events on Yom HaShoah (or on the days immediately preceding or following it).

Not only should we “Remember the Past and Honour the Memory of the Victims, but by doing so and ensuring that present and future generations of Jewish youth also continue this important tradition, they might also better be able to Shape the Future, into a more peaceful and tolerant society.

The London Communal Commemoration will take place on April 11th at the Dell in Hyde Park at 11am. It will last for 45 minutes and all members of the community are encouraged to attend. Similar commemorations will be held in the regions.

Full information and directions can be found at [www.yomhashoah.org.uk](http://www.yomhashoah.org.uk)