



Remembering the past,
honouring the memory,
shaping the future

THE FORUM FOR
Yom HaShoah
Annual Jewish Remembrance Day
for Victims of the Holocaust

In 1951, the 27th day of Nissan in the Jewish calendar was established by the State of Israel as **Yom HaShoah**, to be observed by Jews throughout the world as the **Annual Jewish Remembrance Day for Victims of the Holocaust and dedicated to remembering the Victims, honouring their memory and shaping a better future**. Education and awareness has paid an important part in bringing knowledge of this tragedy to present generations.

The dilemma facing the ‘**The Forum for Yom HaShoah**’ comprising the 25 organisations in the UK, involved in Holocaust education, awareness and remembrance activities; and Survivor, Refugee and Ex-Service personnel welfare, is why after all these years does the majority of our Community still not recognise or commemorate **Yom HaShoah**?

The Holocaust was one of the greatest tragedies to befall our people in its entire history. A tragedy of unparalleled proportions. Never before has there been a systematic attempt to remove a people from an entire continent (and beyond if that had succeeded) for no other reason than their religion.

We owe it to remember and honour the memory of the 6 million Jews who perished, including over 1.5 million children, as well as all those non-Jews who likewise perished, to ensure that they are never forgotten nor their deaths denied. We owe it to present and future generations of our people, whose knowledge of the tragedy is at the best limited or worst non-existent, that they should learn the lessons of how it happened, to ensure as best they can, that it should never, ever happen again.

For every **ONE** person that learns and takes notice, there is **ONE** more person to shape the future. It needs **ONE** more person to stand up to bullying, bigotry, intolerance, prejudice, racial or religious discrimination, **to encourage others to do stand up with them**.

Now all members of the ‘**Forum**’ **Group**, have resolved to develop a new initiative for British Jewry, to ensure that current and future generations will have a greater awareness and understanding of **Yom HaShoah**. They should **recognise the day and observe its commemoration** and by this recognition and observance, work towards shaping the future by ensuring that such a tragedy **NEVER AGAIN** befalls our people, or any other race or religion and that **the world becomes a better place to live in**.

YOM HASHOAH FALLS ON SUNDAY 11TH APRIL 2010 and will be commemorated at 11 am, with a 45 min Ceremony, at the National Memorial to the Holocaust at the Dell, in Hyde Park, London and at other Provincial centres. ALL ARE WELCOME.

FULL INFORMATION ABOUT “YOM HASHOAH” AND A DIRECTORY OF EVENTS
Visit **THE FORUM FOR YOM HASHOAH** website: “www.yomhashoah.org.uk”

The ‘Forum’ comprises the following UK Sponsoring & Participating Organisations:

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Association of Jewish Refugees	Holocaust Survivor Centre	Pears Foundation	Yad Vashem UK
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