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***Message from HE Daniel Taub
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With every passing year, commemorating Yom Hashoah becomes ever more important. We will never be able to come to terms with the enormity of the Shoah. But it is vital that each year we come together as a people and honour our commitment to remember. Eli Wiesel once said, "Whoever listens to a witness becomes a witness." As the number of survivors diminishes, it is incumbent on us to keep their memories alive.

On Yom Hashoah, we remember a world without a Jewish state. We remind ourselves that the freedom and protection given to Jews by the State of Israel can never be taken for granted. In Israel, Yom Hashoah is a painful but powerful fixture in our calendar. The siren sounds. A nation stands together in silent contemplation. We strengthen our commitment to the words, "never again." Never again for anyone and, not least, never again for us. I wholeheartedly endorse this campaign and hope it enables Jewish communities everywhere to experience a meaningful Yom Hashoah.

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