

# *Message from*

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Yom HaShoah is, and must remain, a central moment in Jewish consciousness. As the survivors grow older, we must recognise that we are all, in a sense, survivors. We must carry the burden of memory and hand it on to future generations. What the victims died for, we must live for – the right to live, and walk tall, without fear, as Jews.

Jews became victims because they were different. They were not Aryans; therefore they could not be full Germans; therefore they were deemed to be less than human. And from that starting point began the road that ended in the factories of death.

And we are different. That is constitutive of our humanity. That is why anti-semitism is a threat not just to Jews but to everyone. A world that has no room for difference has no room for humanity.

My prayers and thoughts are with you on this solemn occasion. May it ensure in all of us the courage to fight hatred and prejudice in all its forms, for the sake of G-d and humanity.

Yours with blessings and best wishes.