

Message from

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The Assembly of Masorti Synagogues is proud to support the Yom HaShoah commemoration. At the end of last year we commemorated the anniversary of Kristallnacht. For many people that marked the starting point of the suffering of our people and for the horrors into which Europe descended.

Years are a mere flicker in the unfolding of time. Yet for us, the Jewish people, that measure presents us with an important challenge. The number of survivors, of first hand witnesses is dwindling. It is critically important that we are able to pass on to our young people the ideals and traditions for which those heroic men and women stood, values shared over the millennia by our people.

The world is facing many challenges. The lesson of history, that such downturns can precipitate the most horrendous decent of civilised people, is one that must never be forgotten. In remembering the suffering of the Shoa we must sharpen our awareness of current tragedies and use our experiences to play our part in healing the world.