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LEGENDARY Hollywood director Steven Spielberg this week threw his weight behind a community-wide campaign to increase observance of Yom HaShoah among British Jews.

The *Shindler's List* director's message came as thousands of community members prepared to honour the millions killed in the Holocaust and pay tribute to survivors at poignant events across London.

Responding to a letter about the Chief Rabbi about the campaign, Oscar-winner Spielberg – who established a foundation in 1994 to collect testimony from survivors that went on to become the largest such archive in the world – said: "I am so pleased that you have taken the initiative to focus even greater attention on the remembrance of the

Holocaust, particularly within the Anglo-Jewish community in the UK.

"We share the goal of making sure that this and future generations never forget." Headed by the Forum for Yom HaShoah and supported by more than 40 communal organisations, the 10-week campaign, officially launched in the *Jewish News*, urges community members to observe a minute's silence at 11am today – the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising when Jews worldwide have traditionally honoured victims of the Holocaust – and to attend events taking place at shuls, community centres and schools this week to mark the day.

The *Jewish News* has played a key role throughout the campaign, publishing a series of high-profile opinion pieces and last week



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