

# HARROW HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2023

*Ordinary People*



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## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2022: ONE DAY

*'Don't be content in your life, just to do no wrong,  
be prepared every day to try and do some good.'*

Sir Nicholas Winton, who rescued 669 children from Nazi-occupied Europe

Genocide is facilitated by ordinary people. Ordinary people turn a blind eye, believe in propaganda, and join murderous regimes. Those who are oppressed and murdered in genocide aren't persecuted simply because they are ordinary people who belong to a particular group. (eg. Roma, Jewish, Tutsi Etc)

Ordinary people were involved in all aspects of the holocaust and other and genocides that took place in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. Ordinary people were perpetrators, bystanders, rescuers, witnesses - and other people were victim.

There are also extraordinary people in every genocide, remarkable and unusual people who went to extreme lengths to help, rescue and save and in every genocide, there were extraordinary people who went to extreme depths to cause harm, to persecute and murder.

Our theme will prompt us to consider how ordinary people, such as ourselves can perhaps play a bigger part than we might imagine in challenging prejudice today.

If you have any comments on this evening's event, please email them to [tosecretary@interfaith.org](mailto:tosecretary@interfaith.org)

I would like to thank my committee this year for their time, energy, help in arranging this evening and most of all support.

They are Gopal Bhachu, John Hinkley, Cllr Jean Lammiman, Rabbi Kathleen Middleton, Sonoo Malkani ,David Cryer, Matthew Wright (HAC)and Abraham Mathews

### **Bobbi Riesel Chair. Harrow's 2020 HMD Event.**

*The music of the Cello played by Ruth Colin accompanied by Annalise White:  
The introductory music is provided by Nelly Ben-Or MBE who was born in 1933 in Lwow, Poland. Surviving the Holocaust, the story of which she tells in her autobiography 'Ashes to Light', she became in International Concert Pianist and renowned teacher. She this week received a MBE for her contribution to Holocaust Education. She is joined for the songs by her daughter, Jazz Singer Daniela Clynes. As well as performing, Daniela teaches at London College of Creative Media.*





### Message from the Worshipful The Mayor of Harrow Cllr Janet Mote

It is a special pleasure and privilege to welcome you here this evening as we recall and commemorate the Holocaust and the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau some 78 years ago and the dreadful Genocides in many parts of the world. Here in Harrow people of other minorities and no faith, live together and do so peacefully, accepting their differences and discovering some many things they have in common. I am sure we are anticipating a memorable evening.

Cllr **Janet Mote**



### Message from Bob Blackman, MP Harrow East

It is a privilege to support Holocaust Memorial Day this year as we remember the victims of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides. The treatment of Jews during these events is appalling and we must continue to educate people on these atrocities to serve as a poignant reminder of the unjust suffering 'ordinary people' endured. It is essential that we all work together to prevent any such event from occurring again in future.

Unfortunately, in 2023, antisemitism does still exist and I urge society to change this narrative and promote a harmonious culture whereby we respect everyone for who they are, regardless of their religion or ethnicity. In my roles as Chairman of the All- Party Parliamentary Group for the Holocaust Memorial and Education Centre, Secretary of the APPG for British Jew and Chairman of the APPG for British-Israel relations, I assure you that I will continue to work tirelessly to ensure we keep momentum behind this shared, important agenda.

**Bob Blackman, MP**

### Message from David Simmonds, MP Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner



Holocaust Memorial Day is an important reminder of the great suffering endured during the Holocaust.

The theme this year is 'ordinary people: I feel deeply moved by the reminder that victims of the Holocaust, and subsequent genocides, were and are ordinary people, like us, simply living their lives - mothers, fathers, neighbours, friends - before having their lives so barbarically and needlessly taken away. It is an important opportunity to hear from the survivors, those ordinary people, who can share their story and give a voice to those who are not able to tell their own.

In Parliament, we will remember the victims and the survivors of genocide across the world, reflect on the persecution that continues to this day, and come together so that we can work towards a better future.

**David Simmonds CBE MP**



## Message from Gareth Thomas, MP Harrow West



I am honoured to support the Harrow Holocaust Memorial Day 2023. The theme of “Ordinary people” provides us with a thought-provoking lesson that we must never forget. The ethnic cleansing of six million Jews and other victims of Nazi persecution as well as other genocides for example in Rwanda, East Timor, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Darfur was perpetrated by “ordinary people”. The banality of evil is an uncomfortable truth we cannot shy away from. Much of what happened was not committed by evil monsters fuelled by hate, but rather ordinary people committing horrific actions with the cliched justifications of following orders or doing one’s job.

With this year’s theme I would like to point people to the Italian writer and survivor Primo Levi’s statement “Monsters exist, but they are too few in number to be truly dangerous. More dangerous are the common men, the functionaries ready to believe and to act without asking questions.” In this spirit it is important to remember to question authority and to stand against injustice. Humankind needs to do much more to ensure that the words “Never Again” echoed on the liberation of Buchenwald concentration camp in April 1945 actually mean something.

**Gareth Thomas MP**



## Message from Krupesh Hirani, GLA Assembly Member for Brent and Harrow

“Holocaust Memorial Day is a time to remember those taken from us in acts of industrialised slaughter: the six-million Jews, Roma, Sinti, LGBTQ+ and disabled persecuted by the Nazis, as well as the victims of more recent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. However, Holocaust Memorial Day is much more than that, it is an opportunity for ordinary people, not just to reflect upon the lives of those lost to evil, but to learn more of the horrors of the recent past and the injustices of today.

Evil is facilitated and enabled by the ordinary. This year’s theme of ‘ordinary people’ perfectly encapsulates the idea that for evil to flourish, it requires ordinary people to do nothing. On Holocaust Memorial Day we, the ordinary, remember the extraordinary horrors of the past and reaffirm our commitment to the promise of ‘never again’”.

**Krupesh Hirani AM**



**Welcoming music**  
**by Nelly Ben-Or MBE accompanied by Daniella Clynes**

**Time for Reflection**  
**Cello - Ruth Colin accompanied by Annalise White**

**Mayor's Welcome**  
**The Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor Janet Mote**

**Candle Lighting**  
Rabbi Kathleen De Magtige-Middleton with 8 faith groups  
**Hebrew Memorial Prayer followed by**  
**ONE MINUTE SILENCE**

**Guest Speaker**  
**Janine Webber BEM**

**Choir Performance \***  
**David Phelops and "More Than Just a Choir".**

**Bhupinder Singh Bhasin**  
**The Massacre at Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar in 1919.**

**Duet Performance \***  
**Oseh Shalom, David Phelops and Judith Silver with guitar.**

**Gopal Bhachu**  
**Chair of Harrow Interfaith [HIF].**

**Concluding Prayer**  
**Rabbi Ben Kurzer**

**Bobbi Riesel - HMD Chair**  
**Closing remarks and vote of thanks.**

*\* Words: Appendix 1*



## Janine Webber BEM



Janine Webber Now and on the front cover with her mother and brother before the Nazi's came

Janine was born in 1932 in Lvov Eastern Poland now Ukraine. The Nazis arrived in 1941 and almost immediately started rounding up Jewish men. Thousands of people were murdered within weeks of the invasion.

Her father, in order to escape jumped from a 2nd floor balcony and survived. Her family hid in various places, but her father and grandmother were caught and shot. She, with thousands of others, was rounded up and herded into the ghetto, crammed together with little food and no sanitation.

There, her mother caught typhus and died aged 29. Janine and her little brother Tunio were sent into hiding with a Polish farming family. But after a few months they were betrayed. She narrowly escaped but her brother was killed.

Finding her way back to Lvov, she was hidden by a caretaker at a convent along with other Jews and an aunt Rouja. Given false papers and a new Polish identity, she travelled from convent to convent, eventually finding a job as a maid in Krakow. Six months after the end of the war, Janine's aunt returned for her. Fearing antisemitism in Poland, they decided to leave for Paris.

In 1956, Janine came to the UK to improve her English. She met and married an Englishman, and settled in England. Today, Janine still lives in London and regularly shares her testimony with schools.

## Bhupinder Singh Bhasin



Hotelier/Property Developer

General Secretary of Pothohar Association UK; Trustee of the Inter Faith Trust and Committee Member of Harrow Sikhs.

Proud British Sikh who has been involved with Inter Faith Dialogue since his teenage years. Founded the Sikh Spirit newsletter and website and as a Trustee of the Inter Faith Youth Trust has helped to fund youth Inter Faith projects.

Producer of the Children of Partition documentary and the Rekindling Pothohar Exhibition exploring the heritage of the Sikh community in the Pothohar region of West Punjab and how this community was dispersed after the Partition of India.





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*More Than Just A Choir*

Bringing Harmony to Mental Health



**ADULTS AFFECTED BY MENTAL ILLNESS  
BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER IN SONG**

*You did not have to be a Jew to be burnt away in Nazi gas chambers. Alongside the Jews were others who did not meet the criteria of Hitler's idea of perfection.*

*One category of people who would undoubtedly have met their death alongside Jews, were people suffering from any physical disability or those affected by mental illness. "More than Just a Choir", says David Phelops, their director, has as its purpose to gather people who have "not just suffered mental illness" but also, for those "affected by it, either carers, friends or family." We are privileged to welcome them on stage this evening.*

**Judith Silver is the founder of Companion Voices  
Companion Voices UK**

*Singing for the end of Life. Companion Voices are singers based in the UK who gather to learn songs and prepare themselves to sing for people at the end of life. We share our voices, compassion and loving presence, whether in person or virtually when called upon to do so.*

<https://companionvoices.org/>





## ORDINARY PEOPLE

After the war was finally over  
They visited - like curious children  
Huddled together in school lines  
Swarming for a view of the slaughter  
Of ordinary people

I lay dead - heaped upon shattered bones  
Nameless, faceless, unknown  
Did they prefer me to smile?  
Perhaps they would wait a while  
To see what they had done to so many of  
My ordinary people

From surrounding villages they walked in circles  
Their eyes closed, their noses covered  
Women wore headscarves of shame  
I did not see them cry

Unrecognisable, unwanted, tormented  
My ordinary people dumped  
While others glanced at death's horrific show

Ashes in the soil  
They burnt our lives away  
Threw away our dreams  
Watch me rise like a phoenix  
To let them never forget  
The lives of ordinary people

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## HARROW INTERFAITH NEEDS YOU!

Harrow Interfaith is a collection of Harrow's many Faiths whose members have come together to explore each other's customs and beliefs. In so doing they have discovered more commonalities than differences. Hatred is the product of suspicion which in turn is the result of ignorance. Members of Harrow Interfaith enjoy finding out about each other and often there is a bonus that we find out more about ourselves. Harrow's diversity makes it a richer place and we can best share in that richness by enjoying membership of Harrow Interfaith. Whatever your place of worship might be, church, temple, synagogue, mosque or any other, when we meet, we are at one with one another eager to engage in conversation and to be better informed. Do please check us out on our website [www.harrowinterfaith.org](http://www.harrowinterfaith.org) and get involved. Our Honorary Officers are waiting to meet you, to make you welcome. Harrow Interfaith, whatever your Faith, or if you are a Humanist and share our ideals, come on in. We might even have a job for you!

To find out more contact Gopaljeet Bhachu, Hon Chair  
Email [secretary@harrowinterfaith.org](mailto:secretary@harrowinterfaith.org)





**Steve Levinson** has been one of Britain's leading economics journalists for many years. He is highly respected both within and outside his profession for the quality and originality of his journalism, which has won him a number of awards. His insights into the media have made him a sought after interviewer and conference presenter.

In the course of his career he has interviewed many leading political and financial figures, including many Prime Ministers. Internationally his interviewees have included Shimon Peres and Nelson Mandela.



**Rabbi Middleton** is the minister of Mosaic Reform Synagogue (previously known as Middlesex New Synagogue). She was part-time lecturer in Pentateuch and Bible Studies at the Leo Baeck College and occasional lecturer in Judaism at The Muslim College.

**Rabbi Kurzer** became Rabbi of Pinner Synagogue in August 2019, having served as the Assistant Rabbi at Edgware United for five years. Previously Rabbi Kurzer lived in Manhattan for seven years, earning a BA in Jewish History as well as working for New Jersey NCSY and on the rabbinic staff at the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates.



**The following Interfaith Prayer has been specially  
composed by Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis,  
Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby  
and Senior Imam Qari Asim**

*Loving G-d, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the six million Jewish souls murdered during the Holocaust.*

*In the horrors of that history, when so many groups were targeted because of their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart.*

*Forgive us when we give space to fear, negativity and hatred of others, simply because they are different from us.*

*In the light of G-d, we see everyone as equally precious manifestations of the Divine and can know the courage to face the darkness.*

*Through our prayers and actions, help us to stand together with those who are suffering so that light may banish all darkness, love will prevail over hate and good will triumph over evil.*

**AMEN**

## **Harrow Arts Centre (HAC)**

is the only professional multi-artform venue in the London Borough of Harrow and is committed to providing a journey of a lifetime enjoying the arts for people from every background. We believe that cultural experiences change peoples' lives, and that having a place to come together and enjoy these experiences changes whole communities. We are pleased to support Holocaust Memorial Day and its important message from history each year – by coming together to remember, we can build a more united future for our community.



## Ordinary People



### Harrow HMD Event 2023

Thank you for joining this event at Harrow Arts Centre to mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2023.

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) is the international day on 27 January to commemorate the millions of people who were murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi persecution and in the genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. It is an occasion for communities to come together to learn, remember and reflect.

HMD we learn from genocide for a purpose - to build a better future. Ordinary people are the ones who drive HMO, who lead community commemorations, who support and encourage everyone around them to take part in remembrance and education projects.

We are all ordinary people today who can be extraordinary in our actions. We can all make decisions to challenge prejudice, stand up to hatred and to speak out against identity-based persecution. We thank you for your support.

On Holocaust Memorial Day we learn from genocide for a purpose – to build a better future. When we look ahead to ‘one day with no genocide’, what do we need to do today to achieve this? We can come together in our communities, to learn from the Holocaust and genocides for a better future. The theme of One day can be used to motivate us all to speak out when we see injustices, prejudices and identity-based violence. We thank you for your support.

**Olivia Marks-Woldman OBE**  
**Chief Executive of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust**  
**About the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust**

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) encourages remembrance in a world scarred by genocide. We promote and support Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) – the international day on 27 January to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, the millions of people killed under Nazi Persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.



**HOLOCAUST  
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## Appendix 1

### A Walk to Caesarea (Eli, Eli)

הליכה לקיסריה (אלי, אלי)

### Halicha L'Kisariya (Eli, Eli)

By Hannah Szenes,

a Hungarian Jewish Poet , executed by a Nazi firing squad at the age of 23, as a member of the Jewish Paratroop regiment in the British Army, in WWII

**Eli, Eli shelo yigamer l'olam,**

My God, My God, may these never end

**Hachol v'hayam,**

The sand and the sea,

**Rishrush shel hamayim**

the rush of the waters.

**B'rak hashamayim,**

The thundering heavens,

**T'filat haadam.**

the prayers of our heart.

**Hachol v'hayam,**

The sand and the sea,

**Rishrush shel hamayim**

the rush of the waters.

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The thundering heavens,

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the prayers of our heart.

#### Singable Interpretation

Eli, Eli

I pray that it never will end.

The sand and the sea

and the waves breaking and sighing

and high over the water

the wind blowing free.

The lightning and rain and the darkness  
descending

and ever and ever the prayers of our heart.

אלי, אלי  
שלא יגמר לעולם  
החול והים,  
רשרוש של המים,  
ברק השמים  
תפלת האדם.



## Words continued

### Undzer Nigndl

#### אודזער ניגונדל

Our Little Tune

*By Nokhem Sternheim (1879 - killed during WWII), a folk poet from Galicia*

**Hobn mir a nigndl in naches un in freydn, in naches un in freydn**

We have a little tune, in pride and in joy, in pride and in joy

**Zingen mir es, zingen mir es, klinkt es azoy sheyn**

We sing it, we sing it, it sounds so beautiful

**Dos hot nokh gezungen di bobbe mitn zeydn**

Grandmother and Grandfather used to sing it

**Ven zey zaynen kinder nokh geven**

When they were still children

האָבן מיר אַ ניגונדל אין נחת און אין פריידן, אין נחת און אין פריידן

זינגען מיר עס, זינגען מיר עס, קלינגט עס אזוי שיין

דאָס האָט נאָך געזונגען די באַבע מיטן זיידן

ווען זיי זיינען קינדער נאָך געווען

### Chorus

**Oy, oy, oy ot azoy zhe vi der nign klingt atsinder**

Oy, oy, oy this is how it sounds now

**Aza freylekhs, aza freylekhs zingt zhe, kinder**

Sing so happily, so happily, children

**Ot azoy zhe vi der nign klingt atsinder**

This is how it sounds now

**Aza freylekhs lomir ale geyn.**

Let's all go so happily.

אוי-אוי-אוי, אָט אזוי זשע ווי דער ניגון קלינגט אַצינדער

אַזא פריילעכס, אַזא פריילעכס זינגט זשע קינדער

אָט אזוי זשע ווי דער ניגון קלינגט אַצינדער

אַזא פריילעכס לאָמיר אלע גיין

**Hobn mir a nigndl, zingen mir tsuzamen, zingen mir tsuzamen,**

We have a little tune, we sing it together, we sing it together

**Zingen mir es, zingen mir es, klinkt es azoy sheyn**

We sing it, we sing it, it sounds so beautiful

**Dos hot nokh gezungen der tate mit der mamen**

Mother and Father used to sing it

**Ven zey zaynen kinder nokh geven**

When they were still children

האָבן מיר אַ ניגונדל זינגען מיר צוזאַמען, זינגען מיר צוזאַמען

זינגען מיר עס, זינגען מיר עס, קלינגט עס אזוי שיין

דאָס האָט נאָך געזונגען דער טאַטע מיט דער מאַמען

ווען זיי זיינען קינדער נאָך געווען

# OSEH SHALOM

Oseh shalom bimromav

Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu

Ve'al kol Yisrael,

Ve'al kulam

Imru: amen.

May he who makes  
peace on high

Make peace over us

Over all Israel

And the whole world

Let us say: Amen

Oseh shalom bimromav

Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu

Ve'al kol Yisrael,

Ve'al kulam

Imru: amen.

ya'aseh shalom, ya'aseh shalom  
shalom aleinu  
Ve'al kol Yisrael

ya'aseh shalom, ya'aseh shalom  
shalom aleinu  
Ve'al kulam

*Repeat above*

Oseh shalom bimromav

Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu

Ve'al kol Yisrael,

Ve'al kulam

Imru: amen.

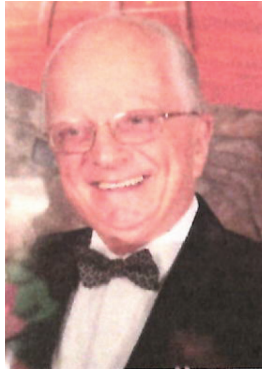
Oseh shalom bimromav  
Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu  
Ve'al kol Yisrael,  
Ve'al kulam  
Imru: amen





# An Appreciation of Jack Lynes (1930-2022)

## former chair HMD



Ordinary People is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2023.

Jack Lynes was no ordinary person - as we remember him today, let us celebrate his immense contribution not only to Holocaust Memorial Day (HMO) but to all matters Interfaith. He chaired our HMO committee for as long as I can remember and this year we missed his knowledge and guidance via his very appropriately titled "writeawayjack" emails.

Jack served humanity with humility and always reminded us about serving people of all faiths and none. He talked to me often about genocide and how it is facilitated by ordinary people who turn a blind eye.

Jack however was not one to turn a blind eye - even in the most recent war in Ukraine, he was the first in Harrow to sponsor a young couple and welcome them into his home just before he passed. These were the acts of kindness that stood him out and made him a deserving recipient of the Points of Light award from the Prime Minister.

Jack set high standards for all of us - he practiced his ethics and together with his sense of humour, brought many of us together.

This year, his partner Bobbi is in the Chair of our HMO committee - I know Jack's previous stewardship will be a hard act to follow - but I know she has given it her best along with others on the Committee.

I would like to thank Harrow Council under whose auspices we at Harrow Interfaith organise this annual event.

Thank you.  
Gopaljeet Bhachu  
Hon Chair  
Harrow Interfaith. January 2023