

## **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY WORKING GROUP 2017**

### **THEME FOR 2017: 'HOW CAN LIFE GO ON?'**

#### **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – as at 4 January 2017**

Members of the public are welcome at all events in this programme. All are free of charge unless stated, though advance booking is advised for some to avoid disappointment.

### **Thursday 19 January**

**University of Derby, Kedleston Road, DE22 1GB 6.00pm**, Talk by a Holocaust Survivor

This is a unique opportunity to meet and hear from a Holocaust Survivor who lives in Derby. Bernard Grunberg was born in 1923 in Lingen, Germany. Aged 15 years old, Bernard came to England on the Kindertransport to be protected from the Nazi regime who were targeting the Jewish community. Indeed, Bernard's father, mother and sister were all murdered by the Nazi regime and he never saw them again after leaving Germany.

Bernard is a frequent speaker at The National Holocaust Centre and Museum, telling his story to hundreds of people each year.

This talk is particularly poignant as it is taking place the week before National Holocaust Day

To book your place contact the University on 01332 590500 or [click here](#)

### **Monday 23 January**

**QUAD, Market Place, DE1 3AS 6.30pm**, 'Son of Saul' (R)

In the horror of 1944 Auschwitz, 'Son of Saul' depicts two days in the life of Saul Auslander, a Hungarian prisoner working as a member of the Sonderkommando at one of the Auschwitz Crematoriums, who attempts the impossible - to bury the corpse of a boy he takes for his son. He must salvage the body and find a rabbi for the burial. While the Sonderkommando is to be liquidated at any moment, Saul turns away from the living and their plans for rebellion, to save the remains of a son he never took care of when he was still alive.

Directed by Laszlo Nemes, Son of Saul is a 2016 Oscar and Golden Globe winner for Best Foreign Language Film

**Advance tickets can be booked** via QUAD Box Office – 01332 290606 or online [www.derbyquad.co.uk](http://www.derbyquad.co.uk).

## **Tuesday 24 January**

**Multi-Faith Centre, University of Derby, Kedleston Road, DE22 1GB 7.00pm** Mir Zaynen

Do : An Evening of Yiddish Songs from the Holocaust

This programme is performed in commemoration of those who were murdered in the Holocaust, and all those who have suffered from genocide, war and persecution.

Phil Tomlinson sings Jewish songs from the Holocaust, with a particular focus on songs that were composed or performed in the ghettos that preceded the Nazi death camps. These songs are intermingled with traditional tunes, together with brief readings. Translations will be provided for the songs.

Together, the programme conveys life, love, loss, despair, nostalgia, resistance and hope. Any profits from the event will benefit Derby Refugee Advice Centre

**Further information and tickets** at £5 – available at [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) searching on 24 January and Derby.

## **Wednesday 25 January**

**Derbyshire LGBT+, 7 Bramble Street, Derby, DE1 1HU 2.00pm** – approx. 5.00pm. Gay

Holocaust Memorial Event

This free event will include a showing of the documentary film Paragraph 175 and an accompanying art exhibition, with time for discussions and light refreshments, and a candle vigil to remember those who lost their lives or were imprisoned for their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. All welcome, in any way that you self-identify, to meet with us and discuss the impact of the gay holocaust.

**Further information** tel: 01332 207704 or [www.derbyshirelgbt+.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirelgbt+.org.uk)

**Derby Cathedral, Irongate , Derby , DE1 3GP 6.00pm** 'Recognising 21<sup>st</sup> century genocide':

The Bishop of Derby in conversation

The Rt. Revd. Dr Alastair Redfern, Bishop of Derby, talks of his work with the Foreign Office in raising awareness of the plight of the Yazidis in Iraq and the Middle East. This sits alongside his work as a leading campaigner in the Houses of Parliament in bringing an end to modern slavery and sexual violence in conflict. In this illuminating and thought provoking seminar, Bishop Alastair will provide a behind-the-scenes glimpse into what it means to tackle these issues in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. A drinks reception to stimulate further discussion will follow the seminar.

Note: During HMD Week, Derby Cathedral will display the banner '1807 Abolition of the Slave Trade; Act, Campaign, Petition, Reform, Lobby, Argue by Maria Amidu.

**Further information** contact Dr Alex Rock, Cathedral Development Officer tel: 01332 341201 or e-mail [alex@derbycathedral.org](mailto:alex@derbycathedral.org)

## **Thursday 26 January: Holocaust Memorial Day**

Derby will commemorate HMD on Thursday 26 January, to enable members of the Jewish community to participate fully and observe the Shabbat the following evening.

**Bridge Chapel, Sowter Road, 3.00 pm:** A Service of Reflection and Act of Commemoration

From the Bridge Chapel the observance moves to the trees dedicated to Anne Frank and Olga Nahlak, recently relocated to **Cathedral Green**. After a brief re-dedication ceremony, dignitaries, including the Mayor of Derby and guests from the Embassies of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Armenia and Ukraine will place small stones at the foot of each tree. All who wish to do so may take part and stones will be provided at the trees.

**Note 1:** In Judaism, stone-setting is the custom at which a headstone is placed on a grave, often on the anniversary of the death; subsequently, small stones rather than flowers are left on graves or memorials, which custom will be followed here.

**Note 2:** Olga Nahlak was a Ukrainian gentile who saved a Jewish family by hiding them in a bunker under her floorboards, even faking a pregnancy so that when one Jewish mother gave birth, no-one was surprised to see Olga with a baby and its crying aroused no suspicion. After Olga's husband disappeared, presumed murdered, she came to England where she lived and died in Derby and was designated Righteous Among the Nations. Full details of her life will be available on the day at the Bridge Chapel (and are available online – Google Olga Nahlak). Anne Frank's story is well known.

**Further information:** Collette Flood, Mayor's Office, 01332 642551

Some transport will be provided from the stone-setting to the Bosnia-Herzegovina Centre, which is around a 15 minute walking from Cathedral Green.

The nearby Cathedral Café will remain open until **6.00pm** on this evening

**Bosnia-Herzegovina Centre, Curzon Street DE1 1LN, 4.00pm:** Reception in commemoration of the Bosnian war and Srebrenica massacre.

The Bosnian community invites everyone to enjoy complementary traditional Bosnian refreshments in the centre after the commemoration. The event will include the showing of a new film, which works well with the 2017 theme 'Life Goes on'.

**Further information:** Ferid Kevric, General Manager, Bosnia-Herzegovina Centre: tel: 01332 294436.

**Derby Cathedral, Irongate, DE1 3GP, 6.30 pm** – 7.15 pm: A Service of Commemoration, Remembrance and Hope, with readings from the Bible and Qu'ran, the Jewish Kaddish (traditional Hebrew prayer for the dead), roll call of genocides and music from the Cathedral Choir and Ecclesbourne School. For further information contact Catherine James, via Collette Flood, Mayor's Office, tel: 01332 642551

**QUAD, Market Place, DE1 3AS, 7.45pm** – approx. 9.15 pm: an evening of commemoration and celebration to include performances by communities that have found sanctuary and safety from persecution in Derby.

This diverse programme is still being finalised, but will include:

- A contribution from the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner Hardyal Dhindsa on the issue of Hate Crime.
- Presentation of prizes to the winners of the young people's poetry competition
- A performance by the internationally acclaimed, Derby based, Ukrainian ensemble Hoverla
- Powerful first hand testimony on the traumatic impact of genocide on second generation victims.
- A presentation on the Armenian Genocide
- A performance by the Bosnian community
- A new poem by Derby HMD Group member, Charles Whittaker
- Derbyshire LGBT+ presentation 'Two Loves Lost' - a reflection on the impact of the LGBT+ Holocaust
- Traditional Gypsy music/ and dance

**Free, but booking strongly advised:** QUAD box office 01332 290606

**For details of the poetry competition,** contact Catherine James via Collette Flood, Mayor's Office, 01332 642551

## Friday 27 January

**National Sikh Heritage Centre and Holocaust Museum, Princes Street, Derby DE23 8NT  
6.00pm**

A special open evening to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, to include a guided tour of this modern multi-channel museum, with artefacts that allow the visitor to appreciate the rich and complex heritage of the Sikhs, in a story of courage, sacrifice and bloody genocide. No charge, but advance booking necessary to gauge numbers.

**Further information** tel: 01332 402530 or e-mail [contact@nationalsikhmuseum.com](mailto:contact@nationalsikhmuseum.com)

### **For further information on the whole week:**

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