

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY WORKING GROUP 2018

THEME FOR 2018: 'THE POWER OF WORDS'

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – as at 1 January 2018

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

Monday 22 January

QUAD, Market Place, DE1 3AS 6.30pm, 'Bitter Harvest'

Set in 1930s Ukraine, as Stalin advances the ambitions of communists in the Kremlin, young artist Yuri battles to save his lover Natalka from the Holodomor, the death-by-starvation program that ultimately killed millions of Ukrainians. Starring Terence Stamp, Tom Austen, Barry Pepper, Max Irons, Samantha Barks, Aneurin Barnard. The film will be introduced by a member of Derby's Ukrainian Community and be followed by a Q&A session.

Advance tickets can be purchased via QUAD Box Office – 01332 290606 or online www.derbyquad.co.uk.

Tuesday 23 January

Multi Faith Centre at The University of Derby, Kedleston Road, DE22 1GB 7.30pm

Piano recital by award winning Bosnian concert pianist, Damir Durmanovic. Damir's concert for HMD in 2016 was highly acclaimed. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday 24 January

Multi-Faith Centre, University of Derby, Kedleston Road, DE22 1GB 7.00 – 9.00pm

'Mir Zaynen Do! – We are Here! ' - A musical evening with Phil Tomlinson and his Klezmer group, with songs from and about the Holocaust

Thursday 25 January: Holocaust Memorial Day

Derby will commemorate HMD on Thursday 25 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**. In a brief ceremony, dignitaries, including the Mayor of Derby 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.

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.

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. 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:

- Presentation of prizes to the winners of the young people's poetry competition
- A brief presentation on Modern Slavery by The Bishop of Derby
- A presentation by the Ukrainian community on the 85th anniversary of the 'Holodomor'
- A poetry reading by an Iranian refugee
- A musical piece by Jacqui Burley – an original song composed for HMD
- A presentation on the Armenian Genocide
- A performance by the Bosnian community
- A fusion of traditional Gypsy dance and Jewish music
- A new poem 'Words' by Derby HMD Group member, Charles Whittaker
- A contribution from Derby's LGBT community

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 26 January

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

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

Sunday 28 January

St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Cambridge Street, DE23 8HP, 1.00pm

A service to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the Holodomor

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