

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY WORKING GROUP 2018

THEME FOR 2018: 'THE POWER OF WORDS'

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – as at 15 January 2018

Members of the public are welcome at all events in this programme, though advance booking is advised for some to avoid disappointment. All events are free, except the film on 22 January.

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.

Advance tickets (£5) 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

Return visit by teenage, international award-winning, Bosnian concert pianist, Damir Durmanovic. Programme to include Haydn, Liszt (Transcendental Studies), Prokofiev, Schumann and Brahms. Damir's highly acclaimed concert for HMD in 2016 was a 'sell-out'. Free entry, parking and refreshments. No tickets – but come early to be sure of a seat, and don't miss this opportunity to hear an international star. Grateful thanks to Derby Chamber Music Society, for their support of this event.

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.

Free entry, parking and refreshments. No tickets – just come early to be sure of a seat.

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 and its preparations on the Friday and Saturday.

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

From the Bridge Chapel commemoration, 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 a custom, to let the deceased soul know that their grave has been visited and that they are still in the minds of those who remain.

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 walk 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, 6.30pm - 7.15pm approx:

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 Chellaston Academy Choir. For further information contact Catherine James, via Collette Flood, Mayor's Office, tel: 01332 642551

The Cathedral Café is open until 5 pm, after which tea/coffee will be available before the Service, at Amen Corner inside the Cathedral.

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 on this year's theme, 'The Power of Words' will include:

- Introduction by Bishop Alastair, with a short talk on Modern Slavery
- School Holocaust poetry competition winners – presentation of prizes
- Song - 'Never Shall I Forget' – a setting of the words by Elie Wiesel, Auschwitz survivor, by Jacqui Burley, Derby composer and winner of the BBC Radio 3 Carol competition, 2015
- 'Words' – a new poem by, and read by, Derby award-winning poet, Charles Whittaker
- 'Frozen Words' – a new poem by, and read by, Nasrin Samavi, an Iranian refugee now working as an interpreter in Derby
- Armenia today – a reflection by Russell Pollard on the country that suffered genocide over a hundred years ago
- Poetry from the LGBT+ community
- A creative arts presentation by members of Derby's Bosnia-Herzegovina community
- A commemoration of the Ukrainian Holodomor (causing death by deliberate starvation) on its 85th Anniversary, by members of the Ukrainian community
- Combined Jewish and Gypsy music and dance – a remarkable collaboration, given the historic relationship between these two communities. Derby leads the way again!

Free, but advance booking is essential: QUAD box office 01332 290606

Friday 26 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

Sunday 28 January

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

A service to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the Holodomor. Guests include The Mayor and Mayoress of Derby and local MPs. Congregate in the new Church Hall for refreshments before entering the church at 1.45pm for the Commemoration Service.

For further information on the whole week:

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