

DERBY HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY GROUP 2020

THEME FOR 2020: 'STAND TOGETHER'

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – as at 6 January 2020

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 of charge, with the exception of the showing of '**Anne Frank: Parallel Stories**' on 29 January and '**Yiddish Revolutionaries**' on 8 February.

Sunday 26 January

Ukrainian Centre, 27 Charnwood Street, DE1 2GU 6.30pm 'Speaking Across the Divide' featuring guest speakers Derek Niemann – grandson of a SS Officer and Noemie Lopian – daughter of two concentration camp survivors. Their dialogue will be followed by a general Q & A session. This is a rare and unmissable chance to hear from those whose families were caught up in the horror of the Holocaust, but in very different ways.

Monday 27 January: Holocaust Memorial Day and the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau

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, located on **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 – web search Olga Nahlak). Anne Frank's story is well known.

Further information: Philip O'Brien 01332 841841

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-Hercegovina Centre, Curzon Street DE1 1LN, 4.00pm: Reception in commemoration of the Bosnian war and Srebrenica massacre, with presentations by refugees.

The Bosnian community invites everyone to enjoy complementary traditional Bosnian refreshments in the Centre after the commemoration.

Further information: Ferid Kevric, General Manager, Bosnia-Hercegovina Centre: tel: 01332 294436

Derby Cathedral, Irongate, DE1 3GP, 6.00pm - 7.00pm approx:

A Service of Commemoration, Remembrance and Hope, with readings from the Bible and Qu'ran, the Jewish Kaddish (traditional Aramaic prayer for the dead), roll call of genocides and music from the Cathedral Choir. Includes involvement by local schools.

Further information contact Catherine James, via Philip O'Brien, tel: 01332 841841

The Cathedral Café is open until 4 pm.

QUAD, Market Place, DE1 3AS, 7.30pm – approx. 9.30 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, 'STAND TOGETHER' will include:

- School HMD Poster Competition winners – presentation of prizes
- Guest speakers Derek Niemann – grandson of a SS Officer and Noemie Lopian – daughter of two concentration camp survivors.
- Dancing by Derby's Bosnian community
- Littleover Community School – Drama
- Contribution from Derby Gypsy Liaison Group
- a new poem written and read by award-winning Derby poet, Charles Whittaker
- Music from an Iranian musician – playing the Santour.
- Dancing by Derby's renowned Ukrainian dance group 'Hoverla'

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

Wednesday 29 January

QUAD, Market Place, DE1 3AS at 9.30am

Showing of 'Into the Arms of Strangers'

Narrated by Dame Judi Dench, this moving Oscar winning documentary tells of the extraordinary rescue operation that brought ten thousand children from German-held lands to Great Britain in the months prior to World War II.

The film is followed by a Q&A session with Barbara Dresner, the daughter of a Kindertransportee.

Whilst this showing is primarily for school groups, there are a limited number of tickets available for the public. Admission is FREE, but please book in advance. QUAD box office 01332 290606.

QUAD, Market Place, DE1 3AS at 6.45pm

Showing of 'Anne Frank: Parallel Stories'

Narrated by Helen Mirren telling the story of Anne Frank's life through the pages of her world-famous diary.

This story has made the tragedy of the Holocaust known to readers all over the world and this emotive telling is entwined with the stories of five Holocaust survivors (Arianna Szorenyi, Sarah Lichsztejn-Montard, Helga Wiess and sisters Andra and Tatiana Bucci) who shared Anne's same fate of deportation, suffering and were denied their childhood and adolescence, but were fortunately able to go on and live the life that Anne was denied.

An evocative documentary, which brings Anne's tragic, yet incredible, story to life and explores why this story has become such an historic journal that holds such great relevance today.

Tickets are £17, or £15 concessions. QUAD box office 01332 290606.

MULTI-FAITH CENTRE at The University of Derby, Kedleston Road, DE22 1GB at 7.00pm

'From Memory to Hope' a film and music night for HMD.

The film 'A Bookstore in six chapters' tells of the fate of the Sephardic Jewish Community of Salonika through the story of a couple who were among the few who survived the catastrophe of the German occupation.

The film will be introduced by Isaac Pizer. It will be followed, after a refreshment break, by Jewish music from Phil Tomlinson (voice), Beate Toyka (piano) and John Parsons (cello) – Max Bruch's Kol Nidrei, and Yiddish Songs that were sung in Jewish Ghettos and Concentration Camps. The evening concludes with 'Hoverla' – Derby's acclaimed Ukrainian dancers and musicians.

Free admission at MFC tel: 01332 591285

Thursday 30 January

'Standing Together Against Fascism Today' at the West End Community Centre, Mackworth Road, DE22 3BL at 7.00pm.

A meeting, hosted by Derby Stand up to Racism, discussing how to combat the threat of fascism in Britain and Europe. – it will feature speakers from campaigns against Golden Dawn in Greece and the anti Tommy Robinson campaign in the European Elections

Saturday 8 February

Friends Meeting House, 56 St Helen's Street DE1 3HY at 6.45pm

'Yiddish Revolutionaries' – a forgotten history of the Jewish left, through song, Klezmer and word. Performed by Yoyvl. (Phil Tomlinson, Adrian Dobson, Hannah Monteiro, Sue Cooper and Judy Sherwood)

'Yiddish Revolutionaries' arose from the wish to contradict the usual narrow stereotypes about Jewish people. The songs take us from poverty to hope and resistance, telling us a story of the growth of the Jewish Left. These are supported by inspirational Klezmer music, with readings and a slide show, together creating an engaging, emotional and uplifting experience. It is intended that people will hear something of the commonality of experiences across place, time, culture and country.

There will be translations for all the songs.

Tickets are £6, available from Eventbrite – follow this link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yiddish-revolutionaries-tickets-85498914555>

For further information on the whole programme, visit
<https://holocaustmemorialdayderby.org/>