Holocaust Memorial Day 2014
Commemorative Events
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The following is a list of events held around the country to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day 2014. Please contact the event organisers for further information not UCU. UCU is not responsible for the content of these events.
East of England

Event: Saffron Walden Holocaust Memorial Week
Date: 20 January 2014 to 27 January 2014  09:00 to 14:45

A week of activities in all the local schools, these include a meditative activity, associated with Art lessons, visits by Holocaust survivors into schools and other lessons plans linking to the wider curriculum. It culminates in a service held in the Parish church with a school choir, some of the service is led by a member of the Cambridge Synagogue.

Further information
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/saffron-walden-holocaust-memorial-week

Event: Southend Borough Council Holocaust Memorial Day Events
Date: 26 January 2014 to 27 January 2014  15:00 and 12:00

Sunday 26th January the Council will hold a service of commemoration, which will include an address, poetry reading and music. Monday 27th January the Council will hold a tree planting ceremony. The venue for this is to be confirmed.

Further information
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/southend-borough-council-holocaust-memorial-day-events

Event: Peterborough Holocaust Memorial Day Service
Date: 27 January 2014  11:45 to 12:45

Civic procession led by the Mayor of Peterborough from the Town Hall to St John’s Church for a Secular Service with contributions from the community and wreath laying ceremony at the Holocaust Memorial Stone. This will be followed by music and drama by local schools.

Further information
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/peterborough-holocaust-memorial-day-service

Event: Basildon Forum of Faiths Holocaust Memorial Day Event
Date: 27 January 2014  11:45 to 12:45

Further information
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/basildon-forum-faiths-hmd-event
**Event:** The Mayor of St Albans’ Holocaust Memorial Day Event  
**Date:** 27 January 2014  
19:00 to 21:30

St Albans Holocaust Commemoration to be hosted by the Mayor of St Albans. Including a talk by Kurt Wick, on his family’s journey from Vienna to Shanghai to escape the Nazis.

**Further information**  
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/mayor-st-albans-holocaust-commemoration-event

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**Event:** Chelmsford Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration  
**Date:** 27 January 2014  
19:00 to 22:00

The Chelmsford Jewish Community and Chelmsford City Council are inviting people to attend the Chelmsford Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration. This year the special guest speaker will be Berek (Bob) Obuchowski; a Holocaust Survivor of the Lodz Ghetto and several camps including: Auschwitz-Birkenau; Babice; Rehmsdorf; and others.

**Further information**  
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/chelmsford-holocaust-memorial-day-commemoration

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**East Midlands**

**Event:** Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration at Swallowbeck Methodist Church, Lincoln  
**Date:** 24 January 2014  
18:30 to 21:30

The Lincoln Independent Jewish Minyan together with the Lincoln Branch of the Council of Christians and Jews will hold a Judeo-Christian commemoration service on the theme of 'Journeys'. After a light buffet, Holocaust survivor Martin Stern will give his testimony.

**Further information**  
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/hmd-commemoration-swallowbeck-methodist-church-lincoln

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**Event:** Weave a Wreath of Memory: The Literature of the Holocaust  
**Date:** 29 January 2014  
14:00 to 15:30

There are still survivors of the Shoah, the Holocaust, living within our midst. But, inevitably, as time passes their numbers grow fewer. What will remain forever is the accounts that they leave behind. Some are simple accounts of suffering, some are great works of biography like Primo Levi's "If this is a man" or Elie Wiesel's "Night" and some are great works of poetry, like the poems of Nelly Sachs and Paul Celan. Join me to look at some of this literature, written by women, men and children - some who survived and some who did not. It is a literature not only of tragedy and darkness, but also of unexpected love, resilience and hope. Rabbi Roderick Young studied English Literature at Oxford and was ordained as a rabbi at Hebrew Union College in New York.
He has served as the rabbi of synagogues in New York, Leicester and London. He now works as a free lance rabbi and a would-be writer.

Further information
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/weave-wreath-memory-literature-holocaust

Event: Irena’s Vow by Dan Gordon
Date: 11 February 2014 – 13 February 2014 at 19:30

The incredible true story of Irena Gut, a Polish Catholic, who, witnessing the fate of Jews in German-occupied Poland, began a very personal rescue campaign. Dan Gordon’s play draws the historic background, creating a suspenseful narrative, capturing Polish snap shots, Irena’s irony and sense of humour in the face of adversity and the play is as uplifting as it is thought provoking. Irena’s daughter, Jeannie, is flying from America to attend all the performances.

Further information
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/irenas-vow-dan-gordon

The Holocaust Centre
The Holocaust Centre promotes an understanding of the roots of discrimination and prejudice, and the development of ethical values, leading to a greater understanding within society. The Centre uses the history of genocide as a model of how society can break down, and emphasises how current and future generations must carefully examine and learn from these tragedies. The Centre promotes respect for human rights, equal opportunities and good citizenship, which has greater resonance than ever in our culturally diverse society.

Further details about the work of the Holocaust Centre and to download a list of survivor speakers, please visit http://holocaustcentre.net/?page_id=41

London

Event: London Borough of Barnet Holocaust Memorial Ceremony
Date: 19 January 2014 12:30 to 14:00

This is an Annual event held by the London Borough of Barnet and open to members of the public. The Worshipful the Mayor will lead the civic procession followed by a ceremony that lasts for approximately 1 hour and will include speakers, readings, choirs and music.

Further information
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/london-borough-barnet-holocaust-memorial-ceremony
Event: Angel in the Forest – a concert commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day  
Date: 26 January 2014 19:30 to 22:00

An evening concert 7.30pm and also an afternoon of workshops from 2.00pm plus a reception, buffet supper and Q&A with the composer. Tenor Soloist: James Gilchrist  
Solo Cello: Sophie Harris The Schoolhouse 6 Ensemble Conductor: Ian Belton (Brodsky Quartet) English Translations of Gertrud Kolmars words by Philip Kuhn and Ruth von Zimmerman

Further information  
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/angel-forest-concert-commemorating-holocaust-memorial-day

Event: Brent Council’s Holocaust & Genocide Memorial Day  
Date: 27 January 2014 17:30 to 19:00

Brent Council's recognition and commemoration of the Holocaust and genocides across the world. The event will feature guest speakers and music. Tea/Coffee will be provided at the end of the event.

Further information  
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/brent-councils-holocaust-genocide-memorial-day

North East

Event: Sunderland - Diocesan Holocaust Memorial Evening with  
Holocaust Survivor Eugene Black  
Date: 23 January 2014 07:00 to 20:15

Holocaust Survivor Eugene Black (Prisoner No. 55456) will be Principal Speaker at the R.C. Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle's Holocaust Memorial Evening. The event will be held in the presence of Rt. Rev Séamus Cunningham, Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle, the Mayor and Mayoress of Sunderland, representatives from the Jewish communities in the north east and other V.I.P's. Memorial Candles will be lit at the end of the evening and small commemorative candles will then be distributed to every parish in the Diocese

Further information  
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/sunderland-diocesan-holocaust-memorial-evening-holocaust-survivor-eugene-black

Event: Redcar - Journeys to Krakow: Holocaust memories  
Date: 27 January 2014 14:00 to 16:00

A talk given by local writer Ken Bibby about his journeys to Krakow and the research he has carried out regarding the holocaust and its impact.
North West

Event: Liverpool Civic Ceremony for HMD  
Date: 27 January 2014  10:30 to 12:00

Committee including representatives from Civic Office, Central Library, schools and Faith Groups

Further information  
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/liverpool-civic-ceremony-hmd

Scotland

Event: Documentary – Hidden Sorrows - Stornoway  
Date: 27 January 2014  19:30 to 21:00

Hidden Sorrows This is a documentary about the power of the human spirit overcoming one of the most horrific experiences of the Twentieth Century, the Holocaust. It gives a voice to Gypsy Holocaust survivors to share their unknown story about loss, survival and perseverance. Michelle Kelso Director

Further information  
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/documentary-hidden-sorrows-stornoway

South East

Event: Documentary – Hidden Sorrows - Stornoway  
Date: 25 January 2014  11:00 to 12:30

The service will include contributions by local dignitaries and the Polish Ambassador. Music by South East Opera and Soloists.

Further information  
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/hastings-holocaust-memorial-service

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Event: Screening of ‘Lore’ – The Phoenix Film Society Southampton  
Date: 29 January 2014 19:30 to 21:30

As the Allies sweep across Germany, Lore leads her siblings on a journey that exposes them to the truth of their parents' Nazi beliefs. A gripping tale of the human urge to survive, screened to mark HMD (stars Saskia Rosendahl, Kai-Peter Malina, Nele Trebs, and Ursina Lardi)

Further information  

South West Region

Event: Holocaust Memorial Day Service, Bath  
Date: 26 January 2014 18:00 to 19:00

A service of remembrance, awareness and learning

Further information  
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/holocaust-memorial-day-service-bath

Event: Exeter Holocaust Memorial Day 2014  
Date: 27 January 2014 10:30 to 15:45

Free exhibition of material relating to the Holocaust and other genocides

Further information  
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/exeter-holocaust-memorial-day-2014

Event: Holocaust Memorial Day Survivor’s Talk - Exeter  
Date: 27 January 2014 16:30 to 17:45

Talk by a Holocaust Survivor

Further information  
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/hmd-survivors-talk-0

Event: Understanding Genocide – Personal Journeys, Exeter  
Date: 28 January 2014 17:00 to 18:30

Talks by survivors of genocide, followed by a discussion forum
Further information
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/understanding-genocide-personal-journeys-exeter

Wales

Event: Holocaust Memorial Event
Date: 27 January 2014 11:30 to 12:00

Abergavenny marks HMD with the help of pupils from Cantref & Henry VIII Schools.

Further information
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/holocaust-memorial-event

Event: A Chance for Contemplation
Date: 27 January 2014 12:00 to 13:30

A chance for quiet contemplation and a chance to light a candle for the victims of genocides, and as a symbol of hope for the future (in the Quiet Room). Call in for a few minutes during your lunch break.

Further information
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/canolfan-morlan-centre-aberystwyth-cyfle-i-fyfyrio-chance-contemplation

Event: Journeys Past and Present, Neath
Date: 27 January 2014 18:00 to 19:00

An event to commemorate the journeys of Holocaust and subsequent genocides through image, word and music

Further information
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/journeys-past-present-neath

West Midlands

Event: Tracks
Date: 10 January 2014 – 28 February 2014 18:00 to 22:00

Brick Door Theatre Company Ltd presents ‘Tracks’ an emotion inspired physical performance displaying digital arts. Let us take you on a journey to remember, to share, to embrace and to learn from. We venture to discover the feelings and emotions felt before, during and after genocides from around the world. Exhibiting music, poetry, animation and other art forms produced by local artists from Gloucestershire & Worcestershire. Suitable for ages 14 and upwards. Be warned the use of digital arts, projections and bright lights are used in this performance. The subject matter is also one to be viewed upon with caution & an open mind.
Further information
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/tracks

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**Event:** Birmingham Holocaust Memorial Day  
**Date:** 10 January 2014 – 28 February 2014  
**Time:** 18:00 to 22:00

Birmingham Town Hall will be the venue for HMD with talks, films, Lighting of Candles and workshops

**Further information**
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/birmingham-holocaust-memorial-day

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**Event:** Church Stretton, Shrophire - Journey of Despair: Journey of Hope  
**Date:** 27 January 2014  
**Time:** 19:00 to 21:00

In all it is reflective, prayerful and a means of enabling people to enter into the experience of the stories of Holocaust, Genocide and other human atrocities, to help us learn and commit to the ways of peace among ourselves and in the world.

**Further information**
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/church-stretton-shrophire-journey-despairjourney-hope

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**Yorkshire & Humberside Region**

**Event:** Holocaust Memorial Day Candlelit Vigil  
**Date:** 27 January 2014  
**Time:** 17:30 to 18:30

The evening will include music, readings and time for reflection. We will also show some short films which tell the personal stories of survivors. The event is open to the public and is free to attend. Seating will be available for around 125 attendees. The venue has disabled access.

**Further information**
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/holocaust-memorial-day-candlelit-vigil

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**Event:** Hull, Holocaust Memorial Day  
**Date:** 27 January 2014  
**Time:** 18:30 to 20:00

Each year, people from all over the world, commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day and take the opportunity to reflect upon the terrible consequences of the persecution that led to the Holocaust. It is an opportunity to remember the victims of this atrocity and more recent genocides, and learn the lessons that these tragedies teach us about the impact of intolerance and discrimination of any form.

**Further information**
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/hull-holocaust-memorial-day-2014
Event: Journeys
Date: 27 January 2014 19:00 to 21:00

We will be holding an event at the local college. Using props like suitcases to create an atmosphere. We will be inviting appropriate speakers. We will end the evening with networking and refreshments.

Further information
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/journeys-0

Event: Irena’s Vow by Dan Gordon
Dates: 17 February 2014 19:30 to 21:30  
          18 February 2014 14:30 to 16:30  
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Further information
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/irenas-vow-dan-gordon
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/irenas-vow-play-dan-gordon-0
http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/irenas-vow-play-dan-gordon-1