



# REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST

Holocaust Memorial 2021

‘Be a light in  
the darkness’



# Opening Prayer

May God give us. . .

For every storm, a rainbow,

For every tear, a smile,

For every care, a promise,

And a blessing in each trial.

For every problem life sends,

A faithful friend to share,

For every sigh, a sweet song,

And an answer for each prayer.

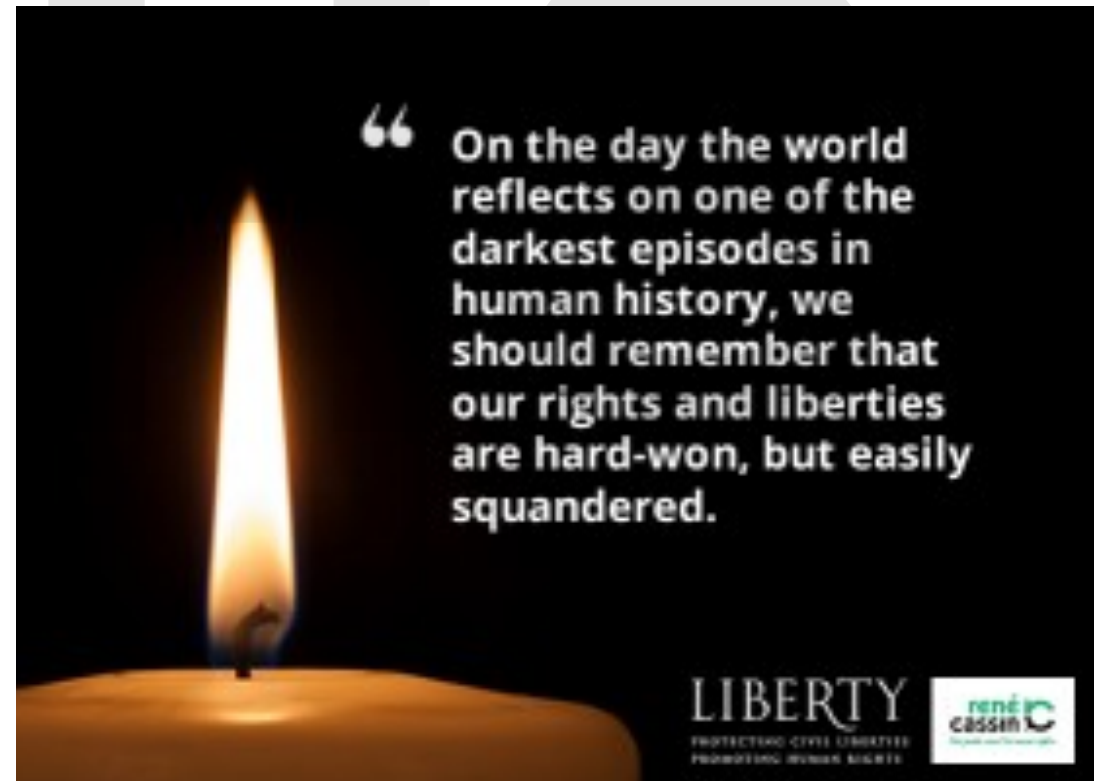
AMEN!

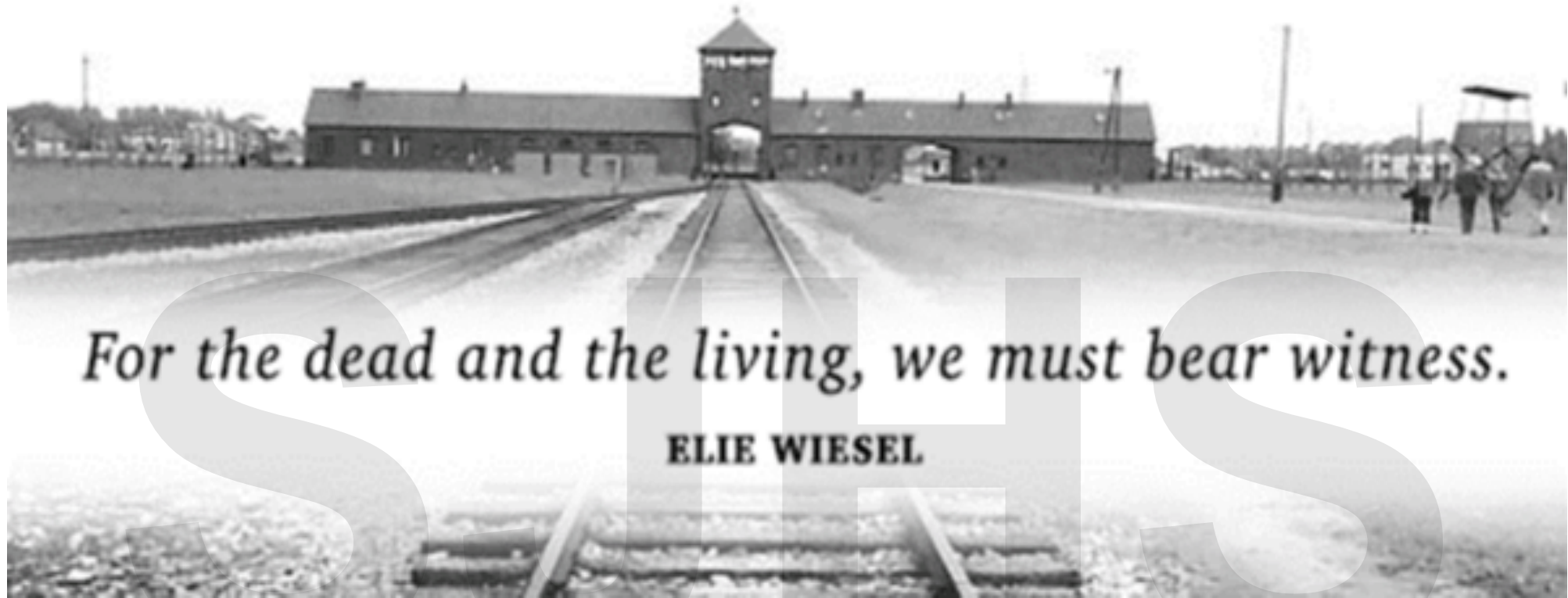
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- As we gather in our form, year group or family, please make time for quiet, respectfulness and reflection.
- Focus on your inner calmness, your slow breathing and the reason for our time together.
- In the presence of the Lord and each other let’s start our wellbeing session by saying the prayer on the left.

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- The following slides are not intended as a History lesson, but for us to consider the freedoms, opportunities and rights we have in our lives today.
- The suffering, pain and loss of others should never be forgotten. However, rather than looking backwards we should look forwards to make a better world.
- Q- What do you think the quote is saying?
- Q- '...hard won, but easily squandered.' What does this mean?





*For the dead and the living, we must bear witness.*

**ELIE WIESEL**

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- Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD), established in 2000, is marked each year on 27th January – the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration and death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. On and around this day, schools, communities and faith groups across the UK join together in national and local events to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust and of more recent genocides.
- In order to understand the information and messages in this presentation it is very important that we understand the vocabulary.
- Q- Discuss what you understand by the word ‘Genocide’.

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- The Holocaust was the murder of six million Jewish men, women and children by the Nazis and their collaborators. It was a defining event in human history; its legacies continue to shape the modern world whilst still raising challenging questions about human behaviour.
- The theme for 2021 is '***Be the Light in the Darkness***'. St Joseph's wishes to be this light as we encourage you and your families to reflect on the atrocities, Jewish resistance during the Holocaust, how we can support justice, the legacy Holocaust survivors can teach us and the responsibility we have in educating the next generation to carry these stories forward

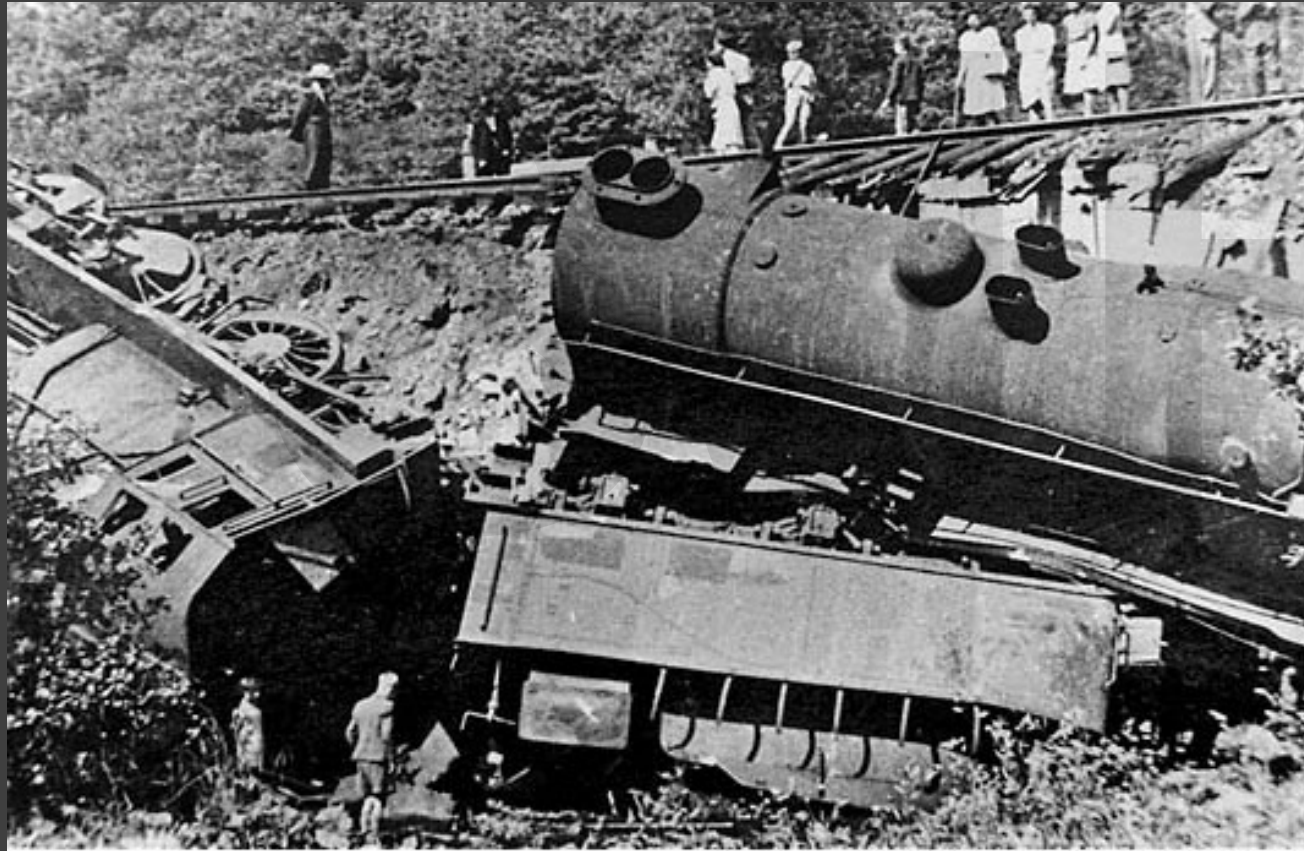


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- This photograph shows a Jewish fighter in an underground bunker during the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943. When the ghetto was created in 1940, more than 400,000 people were imprisoned within its walls; tens of thousands died of disease and starvation. Between July and September 1942, at least 235,000 people – including almost all children and old people – were deported from the ghetto to their deaths in the Treblinka extermination camp.
- Q- Imagine what life would have been like being deprived of basic human rights .
- Q- What would have been the difficulties in organising the uprising?
- Q- How successful would they have been?



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Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation Archives

- Some Jewish leaders hoped that they could survive by working in German factories, therefore, tried not to do anything which would anger the Nazis. Some people disagreed and argued that the Nazis intended to kill all Jews so they formed resistance groups and escaped from the ghettos. These partisans used forests as a base for guerrilla fighting against the Germans, blowing up or derauling trains and stopping important supplies and weapons reaching their destinations.

- Q- What do you think happened to the people who stayed in the ghettos?

- Q- What would the Nazis do to the resistance fighters if they caught them?



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- This photograph shows one of several secret schools that existed in Kovno, Lithuania. Its population included almost 10,000 children and teenagers. Around half of these children were shot in October 1941. The school was created for the surviving children but this was banned by the Nazis in August 1942. Soon after, the Germans forced children as young as 12 to work. Many younger children also worked so that their families could get extra food. Murders continued throughout this period.
- Q- Why were children stopped from going to school?
- Q- What sort of work would children have to do?





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- <https://youtu.be/35k-xrJyOL8>
- This clip is of an American soldier and Holocaust survivor talking about the moments of liberation.
- Kurt and Gerda had never met before, but this is a true love story as both became husband and wife.
- Q- How do you think Gerda and her friends would have felt when they saw the soldiers there to save/liberate them?
- Q- Do you hear anger in their voices? What do you notice about their manner?

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- Yetta Kane is a Holocaust survivor.
- “When I visit schools the students often ask me if I saw a Nazi in person would I kill him? No, then I’d be as low as an animal as he is,” I would say. “Only God should decide who shall live and who shall die. If you carry hate in your heart, your life gets poisoned.”
- “Every time I speak it feels like I’ve cut my hand and poured salt into the wound. But when I receive letters and comments from the students I know I am doing what God wants me to do.”
- Q- What lessons can we learn from Yetta’s attitude?

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- The story of a very brave teenager.
- Rose Lipszyc
- <https://youtu.be/KwCg3f00TEc>
- 3.49mins
- Q- Imagine what you would have felt if you had to change places with Rose.



**BE THANKFUL FOR THE BAD THINGS IN LIFE. FOR THEY OPEN YOUR EYES TO THE GOOD THINGS YOU WERENT PAYING ATTENTION TO BEFORE.**

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- Try and interpret the next few quotes.
- Q- What are they saying?
- Q- How can you use them in your life.
- Times are tough, but we still have a lot to be grateful and thankful for.
- Who we become is linked with the experiences we encounter and the people we allow into our lives.

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There will always  
be people in life  
who treat you  
wrong. Be sure  
you thank them  
for making you  
**STRONG!**

No matter how good or bad  
you think life is, wake up  
each day and be - - -

*thankful for life.*

Someone somewhere  
else is fighting  
to survive.

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- Further information.

<https://youtu.be/qZS0YlpCS7I>

10 mins 'Henry'

Films-

Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

Schindler's List

The Pianist

Resistance

The Zookeeper's Wife

God on Trial

Ann Frank- The Whole Story

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