

# BE THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS



*We will continue to do our bit for as long as we can,  
secure in the knowledge that others will continue to light a candle long after us.'*

*Gena Turgel MBE, survivor of the Holocaust (1923-2018)*

Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on 27 January each year to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. It is also a time to learn the lessons of the past and recognise that genocide does not just take place on its own - it's a steady process which can begin if discrimination, racism and hatred go unchallenged. There is still much to do to create a safer future and Holocaust Memorial Day is an opportunity to start this process

The theme for 2021 is "Be the Light in the Darkness" and it encourages us to reflect on the depths humanity can sink to, but also to remember those who have strived to 'be the light' before, during and after genocide. There are different kinds of "darkness"; identity-based persecution, misinformation, denial of justice as well as different ways to "be the light"; resistance, acts of solidarity, rescue and illuminating mistruths

We can choose to be the light in the darkness in a variety of ways and to help us mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2021, we are inviting you to get involved and create either a piece of artwork or a photographic image interpreting the theme "Be the Light in the Darkness" and send a photo of your work to us at [lord.mayor@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:lord.mayor@leicester.gov.uk) by Sunday 17 January 2021

Due to the sensitivity of the holocaust and the effects on survivors and their families, we can only accept images which portray holocaust victims with sensitivity, emphasising the good lives and livelihoods of which they were robbed. By providing your photo, you understand that Leicester City Council will use your image as part of the Holocaust Memorial Day 2021 for display in Green Dragon Square and on the council's social media sites

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