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Solihull commemorates Holocaust Memorial Day

A memorial service to commemorate the 66th anniversary of National Holocaust Memorial Day will be taking place on Thursday 27 January, from 11-11:30am in Library Square, Solihull.

This internationally recognised day honours both the survivors and tragic loss of life in the genocides of World War II and more recently in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and Darfur. Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) falls on the anniversary of the liberation of the largest Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland.



The Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Ian Courts, will open the service and prayers will be led by local Rabbi Yehuda Pink, leader of Solihull Hebrew Congregation based in Olton. A local Holocaust survivor, Magda Bloom, will also be taking part in the service.

The memorial service has been organised by the Solihull Partnership to help mark the anniversary as part of its Solihull Faiths' Festival Programme. The signing of the Commemoration Book in the foyer of Solihull Central Library and a one-minute silence to remember those victims of the Holocaust will follow proceedings.

Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Ian Courts, says: "Although this day is to remember the horrors of the past, we must not be naive in thinking that such atrocities may not take place again or that man's inhumanity to man is not even happening today. We have a responsibility to remember those who were persecuted and murdered throughout the genocides.

“This is a day when everyone, from all our different communities, can come together and reflect on the potential consequences of racism and intolerance, and commit to creating a better, safer, and more inclusive society. We must strive to make a world where understanding and respect for others replaces one of aggression and discrimination,” adds Cllr Courts.

For more information on Holocaust Memorial Day visit www.hmd.org.uk



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