



HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL DAY

I imagine...
● remember reflect react

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- **Today we remember the Shoah or Holocaust and those millions of Jews and others who were put to death under the Nazi regime in Germany and Poland. Many died in gas chambers in concentration camps like Auschwitz.**

Imagine

**Imagine what it must
be like to be taken from your home,
sent to a concentration camp
and have to live in
very cramped conditions
with very little
to eat or drink.**



- Most of the inmates at Auschwitz were taken to this gas chamber. You can see the steps leading down to the chamber. Many of them, like this one, have been destroyed.



Remember

- It is very important that we remember those who were put to death. If we don't remember the Shoah it may happen again. The Jewish people have a slogan:

Never Again!

- When a people has been almost destroyed they try to ensure that the destruction cannot happen again.

We can remember by:

- **Lighting a special candle**
- **Saying a special prayer**
- **Learning a little more about the Shoah**
- **Telling someone else about it**



Think about it!

- Today we can think about the kind of behaviour that is harmful to others.

excluding others from our group

picking on someone who is different

bullying

not accepting a newcomer

Think and learn

- Visit the Imperial War Museum in London
- Visit Beth Shalom in Nottinghamshire
- Think about some images like this one called “Struggle”



Think and pray

- Pope Benedict showed us how to think and pray about the Shoah. When he visited Auschwitz he lit a candle and read Psalm 23.



Keep hope in your heart

- Anne Frank, a Jewish girl in hiding in Holland, was able to write these words, “in spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart. I simply can’t build up my hopes on a foundation consisting of confusion, misery, and death. I see the world gradually being turned into a wilderness, I hear the ever approaching thunder, which will destroy us too, I can feel the sufferings of millions and yet, if I look up into the heavens, I think that it will all come right, that this cruelty too will end, and that peace and tranquility will return again.”



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- As a boy Pope John Paul II knew many Jewish children in his village in Poland.
- **He remembered, he reflected, he reacted.**
- Some years later at the time of the Shoah when he was a seminarian he found Edith, a young Jewish girl, dying on a station platform. He took her to Krakow and to safety. Here she is meeting the man who had become Pope.
- **Can you remember, reflect and react today?**

