

## Resources

### The Vatican Documents on Catholic-Jewish Relations

Documents from the Holy See  
Catholic Truth Society, London  
Website: [www.jcrelations.net](http://www.jcrelations.net)

### For Holocaust Memorial Day Pack (including material from CTBI)

The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust  
PO Box 49743, London, WC1H 9WU  
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Email: [enquiries@hmd.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hmd.org.uk)  
Website: [www.hmd.org.uk](http://www.hmd.org.uk)

### For outreach to schools, resource materials, visits to Auschwitz:

Holocaust Educational Trust  
BCM Box 7892, London WC1N 3XX  
Tel: 020 7222 6822  
Email: [info@het.org.uk](mailto:info@het.org.uk)  
Website: [www.het.org.uk](http://www.het.org.uk)

### For educational material and visits:

Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre  
Laxton, Newark, Notts NG22 0PA  
Tel: 01623 836627  
Website: [www.bethshalom.com](http://www.bethshalom.com)

### The Imperial War Museum,

Lambeth Road  
London, SE1 6HZ  
Tel: 020 74165320  
Website: [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

### For general information:

The Council of Christians and Jews  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Camelford House  
87-89 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TP  
Tel: 020 7820 0090  
Email: [cjrelations@ccj.org.uk](mailto:cjrelations@ccj.org.uk)  
Website: [www.ccj.org.uk](http://www.ccj.org.uk)  
The International Council of Christians and Jews: [www.cjrelations.net](http://www.cjrelations.net)

### For resources on racial justice and ethnic minorities:

Catholic Association for Racial Justice  
9 Henry Road, London N4 2LH  
Tel: 020 8802 8080  
Email: [info@carj.org.uk](mailto:info@carj.org.uk)  
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## CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES Committee for Catholic Jewish Relations

# *Holocaust Memorial Day*

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## *The Legacy of Hope*



### ***Why hope?***

Rabbi Hugo Gryn was 13 years old when he was deported with his family from the former Czechoslovakia and taken to a work camp. He survived the Holocaust and eventually came to Britain where he worked as a rabbi at West London Synagogue until his death. He never forgot the time his father told him that while you can live for a time without food and water; you cannot live for long without hope.

### ***Hope without Memory***

Another survivor of the Holocaust, Elie Wiesel, said “Hope without memory is like memory without hope...” These words remind us of the strong link between memory and hope. In order to have hope for the future we have to remember those terrible events and situations which looked and felt hopeless.

### ***The Shoah or Holocaust***

The Shoah was an event which many people, both victims and by-standers, felt was without hope as the Nazi regime was powerful and ruthless in its pursuit of a state without Jews. In 1942, Hitler issued a decree called The Final Solution the aim of which was to completely annihilate the Jewish people. Those taken to camps were to be gassed or shot. Their lives seemed hopeless.

### ***The Church Remembers***

In 1998 the Church recognized the importance of memory in the document: *We Remember: a Reflection on the Shoah*. In the introduction Pope John Paul II said that he hoped the document would “enable memory to play its necessary part in the process of shaping a future in which the unspeakable iniquity of the Shoah will never again be possible.”



### ***Pope Benedict Remembers***

Pope Benedict showed us one way to remember the Shoah Holocaust – by visiting Auschwitz, the Nazi death camp. First hand experiences remain with us and help us to remember the atrocities committed in that place. They challenge us to make a commitment to create a society in which racism and prejudice become things of the past.



On Holocaust Memorial Day we also remember the genocides in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and Darfur where state sponsored campaigns of persecution and hatred have resulted in thousands of lost lives.

### ***The Legacy of Hope begins with YOU***

**Rabbi Hugo Gryn** wrote, “You can only be safe and secure in a society that practises tolerance, cherishes harmony and can celebrate difference.”

**Beatha Uwazaninka** who survived the genocide in Rwanda states: “There is a new generation coming now and I hope there will be forgiveness among them. If we can teach them, there is hope.”

### ***Hope requires us to***

- **remember**
- **practise tolerance**
- **learn to live in harmony**
- **celebrate difference**
- **forgive others**

***Can this be our legacy? Can we teach these values to future generations?***