

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2020: Stand Together

Date: Monday 27th Jan 2020

Venue: Midlands Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham, B12 9QH



Birmingham City Council in partnership with New Vic Theatre brings you 'Yizkor'.

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'The best play about the Holocaust that I have ever seen....accurate, moving, engaging and relevant' Ruth-Anne Lenga Institute of Education, Head of Holocaust Education Development Programme

HMD 2020 marks 75 years since the end of the Holocaust, the genocide perpetrated by the Nazis against the Jews in Europe. Sadly this year also marks the 25th anniversary of the Genocide in Bosnia, a genocide perpetrated against Muslims. The Holocaust and genocides as a whole threaten the fabric of civilisation. Hate and prejudice, as the preconditions of genocide, must be resisted every day and should not go unchallenged. In a world that continues to feel fragile and vulnerable, we cannot be complacent. By coming together to learn more about the past, we can take action to create a safer future.

Dear Colleague

Today perhaps more than any other period since WW2, the events leading up to the genocide known as the Holocaust are as relevant as ever. Yizkor is an important opportunity for young people, teachers, and whole communities to come together to explore why the lessons of the Holocaust need to be learned over and over, and how we as a society who share important values can ensure that we 'STAND TOGETHER' in the face of rising hatred prejudice and discrimination.

Following on from the tremendous success of the tour of YIZKOR, we are delighted to inform you that this important documentary play and accompanying workshop is going to shown at the **MAC, Birmingham on Monday 27th January at 1:30pm.**

Yizkor follows the experiences of two teenagers Ariella and Moshe between May 1939 and May 1944. The play has been created using words written in letters and diaries, witness and survivor testimonies of teenagers during the Holocaust. The words spoken are authentic and accurate. Throughout the play the voices of Ibi and Waldemar Ginsburg, two Holocaust survivors who worked with us to develop the play are heard. The play is set in a Shtetl in Eastern Europe and allows audiences to gain an important insight into a way of life, a culture that was all but wiped out as a result of the Holocaust. It helps us to understand the human story behind the unfathomable facts and figures, and the way the ordinary people's lives are affected by discrimination and racial hatred.

"This stunning production set in an age of persecution and intolerance has a message of survival and courage which will resonate with young and old alike" John Fisher Jewish Telegraph

The play is suitable for year 9 and above, and is accompanied by a work-pack for teachers to use in class-room activities which include the play script and some audio files from Wal and Ibi Ginsburg.

This play is being offered at no cost to you.

Places will be allocated to 30 students per school and will be offered on a first come first served basis.

To book your places please contact Shaída Bibi on: Shaída.bibi@birmingham.gov.uk

I look forward to hearing from you soon

Yours sincerely

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