



International Holocaust Remembrance Day January 27th 2021

The International Holocaust Remembrance Day (Auschwitz-Day)

27. January 2021

Antisemitism

The 27th of January is a day for commemoration of the Holocaust. In this vein commemorations are held by the UN, EU, and countries around Europe as well as many other places in the world. In Denmark, this commemoration is referred to as Auschwitz-Day, where we remember the victims of Holocaust and other Genocides.

In 2021, we reflect over the Holocaust as an expression of Antisemitism in its most extreme form. But the phenomenon is much older, and antisemitism continues to exist and grow in several countries including in Denmark.

Against this background, it is of the utmost importance to remember and commemorate the terrible consequences of antisemitism. Continuous and strengthened focus should be given to information dissemination and education of future generations about the despicable actions which historically have led to and still continue to lead to persecution and genocide. During these times, as the last witnesses disappear it is more vital than ever to have their stories told: these are the last witnesses and their stories will slip from living testimonies to recorded history. This reality renders it incumbent on each and every one of us to continuously keep a focus on the history and its consequences. History is lost if it is not told.

An important part of the work and efforts to counterattack antisemitism is the implementation of both a national and an international action plan against antisemitism. These plans for action serve as structured efforts to prevent and eradicate acts of antisemitism through political actions as well as information dissemination and enhanced education. In 2021 the Danish Government intends to introduce its own plan of action. In this vein, the International Holocaust Remembrance Day in 2021 focuses on efforts to curb anti-Semitism and strongly urges implementation of any efforts conducive to the widespread sharing of information, education, research, dialogue, and debate to prevent future prejudice and genocide.

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Program

19:00

Welcome by Museum Director at the Danish Jewish Museum, Janus Møller Jensen.

19:05

Welcome by Deputy Mayor of Culture and Leisure in Copenhagen, Franciska Rosenkilde.

19:10

Speech by the Minister of Justice, Nick Hækkerup.

19:20

Speech by Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Ph.D. at the National Museum of Denmark Jacob Halvas Bjerre.

19:35

Testimonies:

Testimony: from the genocide in Bosnia Vladimir Tomic.

Testimony: descendant of Danish Jewry Kathrine Tschemerinsky.

Testimony: KZ-Theresienstadt survivor Birgit Fischermann.

19:50

1 minute of Silence followed by "Frihedens Lysdøgn".

20:00

Ambassador Mr. Benny Dagan, Israel

Ambassador Ms Aud Kolberg, Norway

Ambassador Ms Elida Petoshati, Albania

20.15

Closing words by Deputy Mayor of Culture and Leisure in Copenhagen, Franciska Rosenkilde.

Hosted by the Municipality of Copenhagen, Culture and Leisure Administration

Planning group for the International Holocaust Remembrance Day consist of:

Museum Director Janne Laursen, The Danish Jewish Museum.

Museum Curator Sara F. Stadager, The Danish Jewish Museum

Appointed by The Jewish Community of Denmark, Nili Baruch.

Advice from the Danish Institute for International Studies.