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Holocaust Memorial Day

Welcome

We gather together in the name of:

- ▶ **God the Father**, who loved the world so much He sent His only Son
- ▶ **Jesus the Son**, who is God incarnate
- ▶ **Holy Spirit**, who gave Mary courage to do what God called her to do and to be who God called her to be



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Engage- The Holocaust



This picture shows terrified Jewish people in the Warsaw Ghetto, and Nazi guards with guns.

The Holocaust was the attempt by the Nazis and their collaborators to murder all the Jews in Europe. Six million Jewish men, women and children were killed in ghettos, mass-shootings, concentration camps and extermination camps.

Why 27 January?

Auschwitz-Birkenau – Nazi death camp



27 January 1945 – Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated.

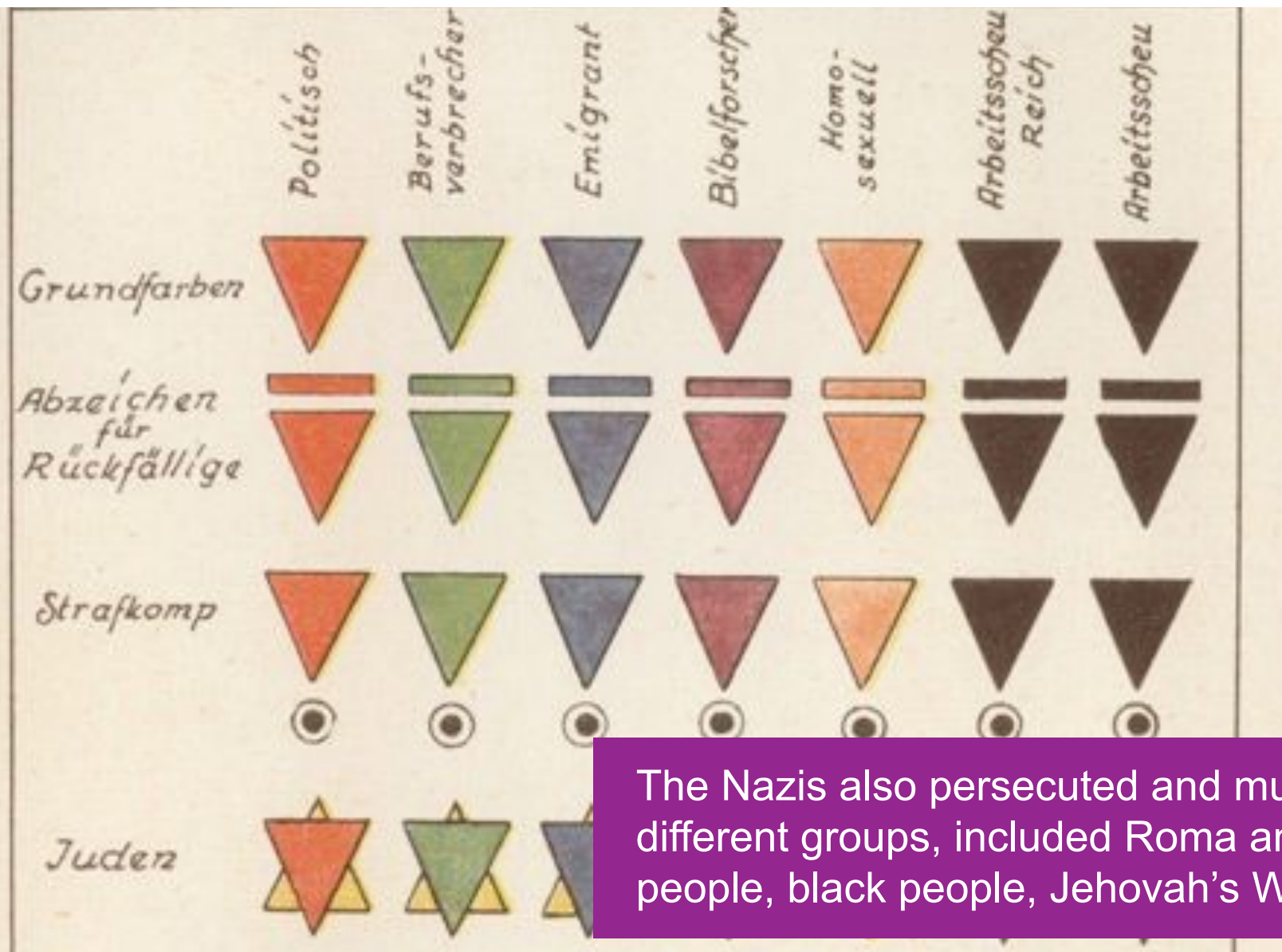
Susan Pollack



Susan grew up in Hungary, and experienced antisemitism from a young age. In 1944 Susan was sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau, where she was separated from her family. After the war, she found out that more than 50 of her relatives had been killed and that only she and her brother had survived.

*'How do you get over such an experience?
Is it possible to walk away and learn to live with all of this?
How do you find the strength?
Life is precious – you can go in one of two ways – up or down.
I chose to walk away and rebuild my life.
There was no revenge, and no justice.'*

Nazi Persecution



Different groups of people were given different coloured badges in concentration camps

The Nazis also persecuted and murdered people from a range of different groups, included Roma and Sinti people ('gypsies'), gay people, black people, Jehovah's Witnesses, political opponents.

Genocides around the world



Cambodia, 1975 - 1979



Rwanda, 1994



Bosnia, 1995



Darfur, 2003 - present

What is genocide?

genocide

Genocide is when a group of people is targeted for destruction just because of who they are, such as their race or their religion. This has happened in many countries around the world.

What happens on Holocaust Memorial Day?



Local HMD activities around the country

Engage- Why is this important to us?

People are still discriminated against today because of their religion, their race, their sexuality, or another element of their identity. Whilst we are not at immediate risk of genocide here in the UK, hate speech and prejudice are frequently seen online, and the number of hate crimes recorded each year has been increasing.



Genocides today

There is currently a genocide happening in Darfur – a region of Sudan.



Respond- How can we become courageous advocates on HMD?

Poster Display

Candle lighting

Assembly

Performance

Book Club

Film screening

Learn someone's story

Read a poem

Survivor speaker

Choir concert

Lesson

Art workshop

A minute's silence

Prayers

Respond- Holocaust Memorial Day



Let us all today commit to do something ourselves to mark HMD, become courageous advocates and stand up against prejudice.

Let's find out about where genocide is taking place, learn about those affected by it and tell others what we learn.

Reflect- Let us pray

Loving God, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the six million Jewish souls murdered during the Holocaust.

In the horrors of that history, when so many groups were targeted because of their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart.

Forgive us when we give space to fear, negativity and hatred of others, simply because they are different from us.

In the light of God, we see everyone as equally precious manifestations of the Divine, and can know the courage to face the darkness.

Through our prayers and actions, help us to stand together with those who are suffering, so that light may banish all darkness, love will prevail over hate and good will triumph over evil.

Amen

Key message- Your voice is amazing

**Your voice is amazing.
Use it.**

Learn about what happened

How does it make you feel?

Take action

If you would to join in with the HMD ceremony at 7pm on 27th Jan, then click the link below to register:

https://www.hmd.org.uk/uk-holocaust-memorial-day-2021-ceremony/?utm_source=HMDT+Newsletter+updated+%28GDPR%29&utm_campaign=5dc72c15b3-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_09_05_04_04_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_41fa301d47-5dc72c15b3-51047608

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