

Office of The CHIEF RABBI

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Dear Members of the House of Lords,

This year marks 80 years since six million Jewish men, women and children were murdered in the heart of Europe, during a time of unparalleled depravity and inhumanity.

We have an ongoing responsibility as citizens, and as a nation, to ensure that we never forget. The proposed Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre is a central part of our solemn pledge to honour this most crucial commitment.

I therefore wish to reiterate my utmost support for the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre. I have championed this sacred initiative from the outset, and I am saddened that, despite the 2015 pledge made by former Prime Minister David Cameron in Britain's Promise to Remember, ours is one of the few major capitals in the world that does not have a Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre.

As the years pass, and the number of Holocaust survivors dwindles, it is only fitting that we establish a lasting memorial to honour them and the six million Jews murdered. It is vital that we remember what they endured, and highlight the survivors' contributions to Britain.

Alarmingly, Holocaust distortion and revisionism is increasing worldwide. If we, as a nation, are to call out other countries for distorting their history, we must also be accountable for our own. This memorial will not only honour those who suffered, but also reflect honestly on what Britain could and should have done.

In these highly challenging times, with rising antisemitism, I wholeheartedly support the creation of this UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre. There can be no better place than Victoria Tower Gardens, in the shadow of our Parliament, in the heart of our nation's capital, to act as our permanent reminder of the lessons we must continue to learn from the Holocaust for the sake of all in our society.

We must redouble our efforts to preserve the memories of those who lived through the horrors of the Shoah, so that their experiences are not forgotten by our generation, nor by those who follow after us.

I hope you will join me in supporting the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre, which needs to be built without any further delays.

With warmest wishes,



Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis KBE

