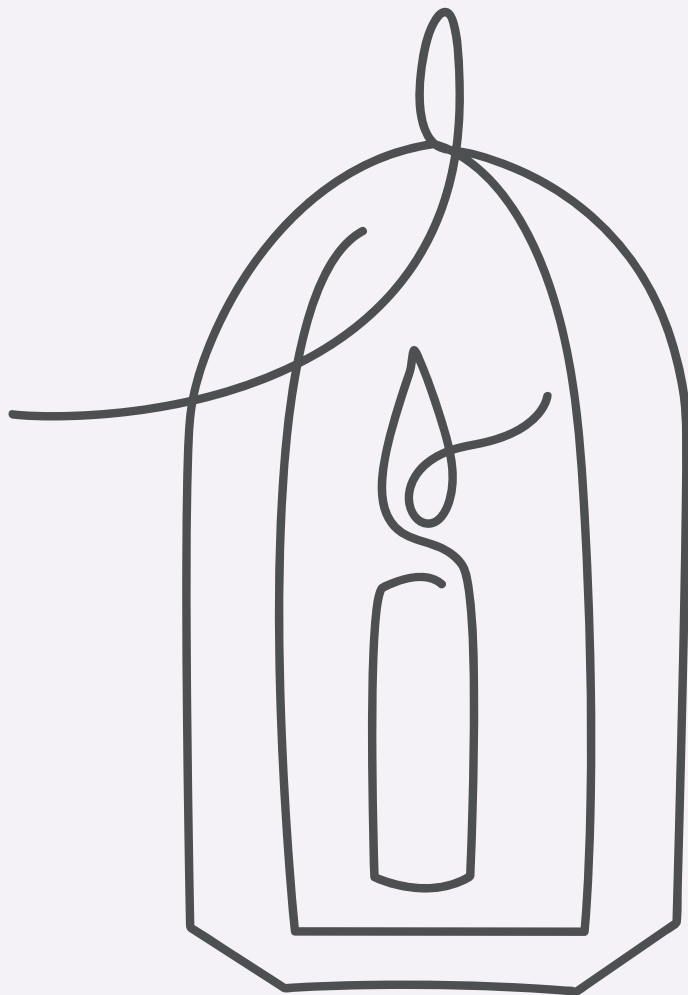


# HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust theme for this year is '*Fragility of Freedom*'.

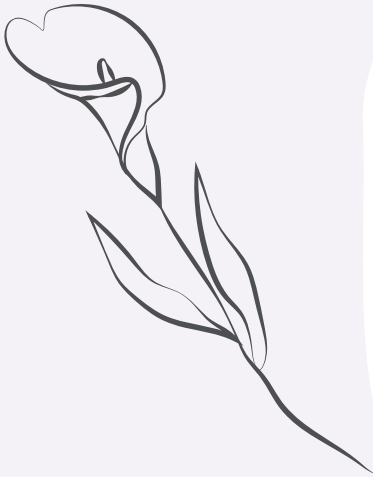


**MONDAY 29 JANUARY - 10:30AM**  
**WAR MEMORIAL GARDEN**  
**CHURCH WALK, BURGESS HILL**

**Freedom means different things to different people. In every genocide, those targeted for persecution have their freedom restricted and removed, before many of them are murdered. This is often a subtle, slow process. There are ten stages of genocide, which demonstrate that genocide never just happens. A climate is created in which a perpetrator regime can remove freedoms.**



**Not only are the freedoms of those being targeted removed, the freedoms of others are also restricted, preventing people from challenging the regime. Despite this, in every genocide, there are those who risk their freedom to help others, preserve others' freedom, or stand up to the regime.**



**Freedom can be restricted in many ways:**  
**Freedom of Religion and to self-identify**  
**Freedom of Movement**  
**Freedom of Reproduction**  
**Freedom of expression**  
**Freedom to live**

*2024 marks the 30th anniversary of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, in which the world stood by as Hutu extremists shattered the fragile freedom in Rwanda, culminating in the murder of over one million Tutsi in one hundred days.*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

A Welcome from Councillor Richard Cherry, Leader of  
Burgess Hill Town Council

A reading from Lesley Urbach of  
Generation2Generation

A Reading from Rabbi Gabriel Kanter-Webber, from  
Brighton and Hove Progressive Synagogue

***The Story of Vali Racz*** - read by a student from  
Burgess Hill Academy

***The Story of Alec Ward*** - read by a student from  
Burgess Hill Girls

***'Belsen Silence'*** by Iolo Lewis - read by Helen  
Underwood-Lewis

A Reading from Father David, from St John the  
Evangelist

A Reading from Irene Balls of Amnesty International

## LAYING OF THE STONES

by attending pupils from Burgess Hill Academy and  
Burgess Hill Girls

*To conclude the service, we will all say together in unison the  
following quotation from Yehuda Bauer:*

**"Thou shalt not be a victim, thou shalt not be a perpetrator, but,  
above all, thou shalt not be a bystander."**

**It is a misconception that liberation from the perpetrator regime means the end of suffering and the start of a free life.**

**Whilst allied liberators freed Holocaust survivors from the physical imprisonment of concentration camps, prisoners found themselves alone, unable to return home, and having to move to a new country, learn a new language and rebuild their lives from scratch.**



### **WYBERLYE - A SANCTUARY FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN IN BURGESS HILL:**

**Between 1939 and 1940/41, up to 50 Jewish girls from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia stayed at Wyberlye Ladies Convalescent Home. The home was run by the Grand Order of the Sons of Jacob, a Jewish-friendly society.**



**The Grand Order of the Sons of Jacob agreed to provide refuge for Jewish girls from Nazi-occupied Europe at its AGM at the end of December 1938. The Matron of the Convalescent Home looked after the children. Military authorities requisitioned the premises in early February 1941, and the children were returned to Central Movement.**

