



PRIME MINISTER PARLEMENTAIRE

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Message from the Prime Minister

I am honoured to join all those attending today's commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Day at the Holocaust Monument in Winnipeg.

Yom HaShoah is a day to commemorate the six million innocent Jewish men, women and children who were systematically murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust. On this day, Canadians across the country reflect upon the unique horror of the Holocaust, pay tribute to the innocent victims, honour the brave survivors, and recognize the righteous individuals who risked their lives to save others, in many cases strangers to them.

The Holocaust was one of the darkest chapters in human history. It is essential that we never forget the lessons it taught us and that we continue to educate future generations on the damaging effects of anti-Semitism.

Our Government is committed to Holocaust remembrance and education both here in Canada and abroad. Here at home, we support organizations that combat anti-Semitism and racial hatred in all its forms and promote Holocaust remembrance and education.

Internationally, our Government has taken a lead role in promoting Holocaust awareness and in the global fight against the persistent scourge of anti-Semitism. In 2011, Canada was the first country to sign the Ottawa Protocol on Combating Anti-Semitism, and, in 2013-2014, Canada chaired the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance – an organization with which we continue to work closely as an active member country.

I salute everyone attending this special commemoration. Ceremonies such as this honour both the victims and the survivors, and reaffirm our commitment to combat all forms of anti-Semitism.

Sincerely,

*The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada*