



**Damian Hinds**  
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## Honours the 'Untold Stories' of the Holocaust by signing Book of Commitment

Yesterday Damian Hinds was among MPs pledging their support for Holocaust Memorial Day, which takes place on 27 January, by signing a Book of Commitment in the House of Commons to honour those who perished in the Holocaust.

With this year marking the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, the Holocaust Educational Trust placed a Book of Commitment in the House of Commons to give MPs the opportunity to remember those who were persecuted and murdered during the Holocaust – and to support the sharing and safeguarding of 'Untold Stories', learning from survivors' experiences to help create a future free from hatred and prejudice.

In doing so, Damian paid tribute to those remarkable individuals who survived the appalling events of the Holocaust and other outbreaks of genocide since and have gone on to dedicate their lives to educating younger generations about the dangers of allowing persecution and intolerance to take hold in society.



Damian Hinds said

*"The Holocaust was murder on a scale we can scarcely comprehend and a lesson we must never forget. It is far too easy to think that such an event was a one-off. My working visits to Rwanda have reminded me that genocide can still happen if we do not constantly commit ourselves to fighting for true acceptance for everyone, everywhere."*

*"The greatest warning is that most genocides have even more silent participants than they do victims. We have duty; our collective humanity demands that we remain vigilant to root out the seeds of casual prejudice and hatred which can grow and spread so quickly into the most terrible of crimes."*

Karen Pollock, Chief Executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust, said

*"We are delighted that Damian is supporting Holocaust Memorial Day. As the number of survivors dwindles, remembering the Holocaust and passing on their testimony is more crucial than ever. Reflecting on 'Untold Stories' helps give back voices to those who were persecuted and reinforces the contemporary lessons that can be learnt from this dark period in our history."*

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