



An American soldier and liberated prisoners of the Mauthausen concentration camp. Austria, May 1945. NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION, COLLEGE PARK, MD

Holocaust Days of Remembrance

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Remembrance obligates us not only to memorialize those who were killed in the Holocaust, but also to reflect on what could have been done to save them. Those who survived tell us that as many faced their horrific deaths, their last words were “Remember us. Tell our story.” Survivors promised that they would and that never again would the world stand silent or look the other way.

The Holocaust reminds us of the fragility of democracy and the need for citizens to be both well informed about and vigilant in the preservation of democratic ideals. An engaged citizenry that embraces the power of the individual to make a difference is the frontline defense for strong, just societies. What we do—or choose not to do—matters.

NEVER AGAIN
what **you** do matters

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The United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as the nation’s annual commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to those victims.

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