

"Truly remembering the Holocaust must also be an understanding and an undertaking. It is an understanding that the same threats exist today. It is an undertaking of a solemn responsibility to fight those threats. ...The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem works in the service of a cause of the greatest importance to our country and to the world."

Prime Minister Harper

2012 National Holocaust Remembrance Day Ceremony

To nominate a Holocaust Survivor, please send the Survivor's name, photo, and story (500-750 words) to the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, 265 Rimrock Road, Suite 218, Toronto, Ontario M3J 3C6.

Nomination Deadline: February 28, 2013

For more information, email klara@yadvashem.ca or call 416-785-1333.

The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem (www.yadvashem.ca)

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The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem is one of the largest and most prominent societies among Yad Vashem's 28 representative bodies worldwide. The Society supports Yad Vashem's initiatives and implements its important vision across Canada. Through its educational and commemorative activities, the Society carries out Yad Vashem's mission of ensuring that the Holocaust and its lessons are forever engraved in the memory of humankind.

Yad Vashem (www.yadvashem.org)

Yad Vashem, The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, in Jerusalem, is the universal guardian and imparter of the *Shoah's* (Holocaust's) legacy and the protector of human values. Visited by more than one million people annually, Yad Vashem is internationally recognized as being at the forefront of Holocaust commemoration, education, documentation, and research.

The National Holocaust Remembrance Day Ceremony

With the enactment of the Holocaust Memorial Day Act S.C. 2003, C.24, and the establishment of a National Holocaust Remembrance Day by the Parliament of Canada, the Government of Canada signaled once more its longstanding commitment to ensuring that the lessons of the Holocaust are enshrined in the hearts and minds of Canadians.

Since that time, the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem has had the privilege of leading a *Zachor* (Remembrance) coalition, a group of organizations committed to Holocaust commemoration and education, in coordinating a National Holocaust Remembrance Day Ceremony on behalf of the Government of Canada.