



NEWSLETTER SPRING 2024

Dear Friends, Colleagues and Supporters

Let me start this Spring newsletter by extending an enormous thank you to so many of you who attended our Annual Event at JW3 on 14th March. It was wonderful to see the theatre at JW3 packed with so many friendly and supportive people and in particular Holocaust Survivors Steven Frank BEM, Manfred Goldberg BEM, Peter Lantos BEM, Susan Pollack OBE, Vera Schaufeld MBE and Janine Webber BEM.



The event afforded us the opportunity to share with you the wonderful video of our story thus far: please do click [here](#) if you would like to watch this again or to share it with friends, family and colleagues who may be interested.

The Event also included the formal launch of *Kindertransport*, our latest film for schools.

Kindertransport tells the stories of three Kindertransportees from Germany and Czechoslovakia and their experiences in coming to Britain without their parents. The film is

narrated by Jonah Hauer-King, (soon to star in the *Tattooist of Auschwitz*), who so kindly donated his time and talent to us. The film features a young presenter and a cast of student actors. *Kindertransport* is suitable for children and young people from English school year 7 / Scottish school year S1 through to 18 years and above.

Despite the ongoing challenges faced this year in providing Holocaust education in the UK (as discussed in our Winter Newsletter, January 2024), we are hugely proud that some 200,000 students have now watched our films. In addition, *Kindertransport*

has been greeted with widespread acclaim.

At our Annual Event, we were honoured and delighted that Dr Dave Rich agreed to address us. Dave is the Director of Policy at the Community Security Trust, author of the sadly much-needed book *Everyday Hate. How Antisemitism is Built into our World and how you can Change It*, and a member of Holocaust Learning UK's Advisory Council. Dave spoke of the similarities and yet important differences between the antisemitism of the 1930s – the backdrop to the *Kindertransport* movement – and the

current challenges and difficulties faced by the Jewish community. He was at once informative, thought-provoking, moving, sobering, and yet reassuring; our huge thanks to Dave for the wonderful contribution he made to the evening.

Our honorary President, Lord Ian Austin was unfortunately called away at the last moment on parliamentary business and could not attend. We were however delighted that Karen Pollock, CBE, Chief Executive Officer of the Holocaust Educational Trust and a member of our Advisory Council was able and willing to speak in Ian's stead. All of us at Holocaust Learning UK extend our huge thanks to Karen for stepping into the breach so brilliantly for us.

And so, buoyed by the warmth of feeling and acclaim offered to us on 14 March, we have embarked on the production of our next film. Our aim is to create a film that incorporates a crucial, essential overview and understanding of the Holocaust in ways that are engaging, thought-provoking and entirely memorable for today's 13-14-year-olds. Only in this way can Holocaust education hope to combat the Holocaust distortion and deniers that are sadly so available to our young people today.

We hope you will stay with us on our journey and join us next year at the launch of this new film.

In the meantime, if you would like to register to view *Kindertransport* or any

of our films, simply click [here](#).

We welcome any thoughts or feedback regarding our films that you would like to share with us; please email us at info@holocaustlearninguk.org

And if you would like to donate to support our Holocaust education initiatives, please click [here](#).

With warm wishes



Susan Krasner
Chair
Holocaust Learning UK

HERE IS WHAT THE EXPERTS HAVE SAID ABOUT *KINDERTRANSPORT*:

This new film, created by Holocaust Learning UK, utilises first hand testimony from Kindertransport refugees, allowing us to hear directly from eyewitnesses to these events. This is a brilliant and moving resource which is ideal for use in classrooms and assemblies. We are proud to support Holocaust Learning UK and encourage teachers across the country to download and watch this brilliant film.
Karen Pollock CBE, Chief Executive, Holocaust Educational Trust

The new Kindertransport film is clever, moving and engaging. I would encourage schools to show it.
Dave Rich, Director of Policy, Community Security Trust

With direct links to the curriculum and an impactful pedagogy of weaving deeply moving survivor testimony throughout, this engaging film from Holocaust Learning UK will help to support and enrich students' knowledge and understanding of both the historical context of the Kindertransport and its striking relevance in our present day.
Clare Lawlor, Imperial War Museums

TO READ MORE OF THE CRITICAL ACCLAIM OUR FILMS HAVE RECEIVED, PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) >



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