

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY
Tuesday January 27th 2009

The Plymouth Hebrew Congregation, the Plymouth Church Leaders Meeting, the Plymouth Centre for Faiths and Cultural Diversity and Plymouth City Council invite you to a **ceremony of remembrance for Holocaust Memorial Day at the memorial tree in the English Garden at Mount Edgcumbe, at 12.30 p.m.**

Our thoughts will be led first by The Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Councillor Brian Vincent. Rev. Stu Clarke, a Christian minister, will speak next. He will be followed by Vallabhdas Meswania from the Hindu faith. A member of the Jewish community will speak last. The words will be relatively brief. There will be silences in between – a time to reflect. The ceremony will be quite short, but none the less meaningful for that. The Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Pauline Murphy, will lay flowers at the foot of the tree.

Please come if you possibly can. You may wish to travel on the Cremyll ferry. The ferry leaving Plymouth at 12.15 p.m. will get you there just in time but you might prefer to take the one before that at 11.45 a.m.. Allow time to park. There are not many spaces in the Cremyll car park. You might like to go to Devil's Point and walk back.

There will be an **evening meeting for reflection on this year's theme – 'Stand up to hatred'**. This will be held in the Lower Guildhall, starting at 7.00 p.m. – This is a new venue for us, which we hope will attract more people. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress will be present as we share a time of thoughtful remembrance - and commitment to build together a better future.

We are hoping for some schools representation at both these events.

Holocaust Memorial Day is the day on which Auschwitz was liberated. HMD09 challenges us all to 'Stand Up to Hatred'. It urges us all to look at our behaviour towards others; to understand how hate is directed against different minorities in Britain today; to explore how each of us can make our communities stronger and safer.

Robert Clary, entertainer, actor and Holocaust survivor wrote: 'I beg the next generation not to do what people have done for centuries – hate others because of their skin, shape of their eyes, or religious preference. I know what hatred does. I barely escaped what hatred does'.

If you have any questions please contact Jonathan Marshall at the Centre (01752 254438) regarding the evening event or Rev. Peter Chave (01752 771490) regarding the ceremony at Mount Edgcumbe. Background material on the Day may be found on the website at: www.hmd.org.uk