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AJR MEMBERS GATHER FOR HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Members of the Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR) will gather on Thursday 28 January 2010 at the Belsize Square Synagogue, London NW3 to commemorate the annual Holocaust Memorial Day.

Dr James Smith, Co-Founder of the Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre in Nottinghamshire, will speak on the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2010, 'The Legacy of Hope'. The AJR is a proud sponsor of The Journey, an exhibition at the Holocaust Centre which portrays the story of the Kindertransport.

Rabbi Rodney Mariner will lead the service and recite the Jewish mourning prayer, *Kaddish*. As part of the service, AJR members will light six memorial candles to remember the lives of the six million Jewish people murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators during the Holocaust.

AJR Chairman, Andrew Kaufman, said: "Holocaust Memorial Day is an opportunity to honour the memory of loved ones who perished in the Holocaust and to reach out and inform people about the experiences of the Holocaust refugees and survivors who rebuilt their lives in Great Britain. The Legacy of Hope encourages us all to consider what we can do to build an inclusive society for the future free from prejudice, intolerance and discrimination."

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Notes:

The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR) provides comprehensive social and welfare services and grants financial assistance to victims of Nazi persecution living in Great Britain.

The AJR has produced an archive of Holocaust testimonies capturing the experiences of 150 former refugees and survivors. Details of Refugee Voices are at www.refugeevoices.co.uk