

# Memorials to the Holocaust



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## Introduction

There are a number of memorials to the Holocaust around the world, with a large number in Europe at or near the sites of concentration camps. However, there are also various memorials in the UK that commemorate the Holocaust, and Holocaust Memorial Day is widely commemorated. Some of the UK memorials to the Holocaust are described below.

## Rainham

Rainham Jewish Cemetery includes a memorial to Holocaust victims ([www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/173006](http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/173006)). The design of this is a symbolic representation of rising smoke.

## Chatham

Chatham Holocaust memorial is located in the Jewish section of Chatham Cemetery ([www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/150363](http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/150363)). While the other memorials described here are not dedicated to specific people, this one was placed there by the daughter of two victims, both of whom are named along with information about where they died (one in Auschwitz and one in Treblinka). It is also dedicated to all victims of persecution.

## Hyde Park

The Hyde Park Holocaust memorial ([www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/122325](http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/122325)) was the first public UK memorial to the Holocaust. It was unveiled in 1983 and Remembrance services have taken place annually ever since. At its unveiling the memorial was described as 'a reminder of the past and a warning for the future.'



Holocaust memorial, Hyde Park, London © War Memorials Trust, 2016

The memorial consists of two boulders in a gravel bed, surrounded by silver birch trees. It is inscribed in English and Hebrew with the words 'For these I weep. Streams of tears flow from my eyes because of the destruction of my people.'

## Wandsworth

War memorials are often thought of as being monuments, plaques or some other kind of built structure. The Holocaust memorial on Wandsworth Common is a tree, planted in 2001 to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day on 27<sup>th</sup> January ([www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/155860](http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/155860); see photo to the right). It is an example of the many different types of war memorial that can be found in the UK.



Wandsworth Holocaust memorial tree, London © Wandsworth BC, 2013.