

Israel marks Holocaust Remembrance Day

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Sirens sounded across Israel today as the Jewish nation marks [Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)

Thousands of Israelis have gathered at the Auschwitz death camp for the annual "March of the Living", commemorating the people's victory over their Nazi oppressors. The Vatican's Ambassador to Israel has changed his mind about attending the ceremony in the

[Yad Vashem](#)

Holocaust Museum. Monsignor Antonio Franco had objected to visiting the Museum, which is critical of Pope Pius'

[conduct](#)

during the Second World War. He will now attend the event.

Quote: *"Every year, marchers walk three kilometres (two miles) from the infamous Auschwitz gateway with its chillingly-false "Arbeit macht Frei" (Work Brings Freedom) sign to the ruins of the chambers and crematoria of Birkenau, where they hold a memorial service.*

The aim, organisers say, is not only to mourn for those who were massacred but also to "bear witness to the undying spirit of the Jewish people." The march marks "Yom HaShoah" or Holocaust Remembrance Day, which began in Israel at sunset on Sunday.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert was the Prime Speaker at a ceremony in

Yad Vashem last evening. He said that not everyone had [learned](#)

[the lesson](#)

Holocaust, that anti-Semitic views were rife in many academic institutions, and that the world needed to do more to prevent another Holocaust from happening.

Quote: *"Olmert, a keynote speaker at the ceremony, warned those who "had not yet learned the lesson the Holocaust. Many gather at respectable academic institutions, with hatred of Israel blinding them." "Most of the world population is aware of the Holocaust and aware of the evil agenda of Holocaust deniers," he said, "they withhold from the Jewish people the right to a sovereign state. They are the first to find an excuse for any atrocity committed against Israeli civilians and the loudest in censuring defensive operations of the State of Israel." Yad Vashem Committee Chairman Tommy Lapid echoed these*

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sentiments, noting "(Iranian President Mahmoud) Ahmadinejad thinks six million Jews are not enough."

His views reflect those of the Israeli public, of which [a](#) [third](#) fear the possibility of another Holocaust taking place. Two thirds believe that another Holocaust will not take place. Those are interesting statistics, for the Bible states that another Holocaust will occur - during the tribulation period, and two thirds of Israel will be wiped out.

Zechariah 13:8

parts	And it shall come to pass, [that] in all the land, saith the LORD, two
therein. And	therein shall be cut off [and] die; but the third shall be left
them as silver	I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine
call on my name,	is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall
and they shall say, The	and I will hear them: I will say, It [is] my people:
	LORD [is] my God.

I have decided to go to Israel for a holiday this year, God willing. I have been thinking this way for some time, but if all goes to plan, hopefully I will be able to go. I was praying yesterday about it, and asked God for a sign if it was His will, and He gave me a verse in Nehemiah.

Nehemiah 11:1-2

people also	And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the
holy city, and nine	cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the
blessed all the men, that	parts [to dwell] in [other] cities. And the people
Jerusalem.	willingly offered themselves to dwell at

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