



Making A Bequest, Making A Difference

**A Guide to leaving a Gift in your Will to the
Holocaust Centre of New Zealand**





A MESSAGE

The Holocaust Centre of New Zealand's core mission is to inspire and empower action against antisemitism, discrimination and apathy by remembering, educating, and bearing witness to the Holocaust.

The lessons of the Holocaust are enduring. Today and for the future, they remain powerful:

- We must be prepared to stand up to and call out discrimination and prejudice whenever we see it. We must be Upstanders not Bystanders.
- We must not stay silent in the face of racial or ethnicity-based hatred.
- We must continue to educate our children and young people to be aware of the devastating consequences of discrimination and bigotry.

The Holocaust Centre of New Zealand plays a central role in educating New Zealanders about the Holocaust, and the importance of standing up to discrimination in our community – especially antisemitism.

The Centre is a strong voice for equality and unity throughout our country.

Its work is essential in helping build and reinforce a more unified Aotearoa New Zealand.

And in this you can make a real difference.

A bequest is your gift and legacy to younger generations and a valuable contribution to helping secure the Centre's long-term future.

Inge Woolf, QSO

Founding Director

Holocaust Centre of New Zealand.

THE POWER OF A BEQUEST

The Holocaust Centre of New Zealand (“HCNZ”) relies solely on donations from individuals, foundations/trusts, and the private sector to continue our work.

We are immensely proud to be New Zealand’s principal Holocaust education and remembrance organisation.

We are especially proud of what has been achieved in bearing witness to the Holocaust, in teaching thousands of New Zealanders and international visitors, particularly children, about the Holocaust, leading commemorative events and empowering others to learn from the Holocaust.



Claire Galambos-Winter, Holocaust Survivor whose estate contributes to the enduring legacy of the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand.

Making a bequest ensures that our work can continue into the future.

Your gift - through a bequest - is one of the most meaningful you can give in your lifetime.

It is your personal legacy to future generations.

No matter the size or type of your bequest, you will help us ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust are not forgotten, and that they remain strongly relevant today and for the future.

“Inge was so raw and real, her story was empowering and beautifully insightful to hear, the visit humbled me and made me appreciate the life I live.”

Student - class visit June 2019

HOW WILL HCNZ USE MY BEQUEST?

You can specify that your Bequest goes towards supporting a major programme, the Centre's general operations, be left as a gift in perpetuity or for the maintenance of HCNZ's artefacts collection.

Some of the ways your Bequest will go towards supporting our work in the future, include:

Major Programmes & Initiatives

Children's Holocaust Memorial

The Memorial is the first of its kind in the world; taking the simple button – the symbol chosen by the then Principal of the Moriah Jewish Day School in Wellington, Justine Hitchcock, to communicate to her students the enormity of 1.5 million children killed in the Holocaust. 1.5 million buttons were collected from around New Zealand and internationally.



Following residencies in Wellington, Auckland, and Christchurch, the exhibition is currently touring New Zealand's major regional centres. Over 150,000 visitors (including many schools) have already visited the exhibition, and it has received significant national and international media coverage.

Upstander For Schools

In 2019, our educators visited 65 schools throughout New Zealand, reaching over 5,000 students.



The bespoke #Upstander programme for schools helps students to understand the Holocaust and draws on its lessons for their lives – to stand up to and respond to discrimination and bullying. Our programme's content has been recognised as one of the most effective in the country by New Zealand's Race Relations Commissioner, Meng Foon.

Yad Vashem ("YV") Teachers Programme

Every two years, the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand takes up to 30 New Zealand secondary school teachers to Yad Vashem in Israel (the world's leading Holocaust education institute) for a 3-week intensive study programme.



The focus is providing in-depth Holocaust teaching, including the ability to understand and apply the enduring human rights lessons of the Holocaust to contemporary New Zealand. Our YV alumni become skilled teachers of the Holocaust for their students and colleagues, effective Upstander mentors, and enduring Holocaust Centre of New Zealand Ambassadors.

Since its commencement in 2015, more than 90 New Zealand teachers have graduated from our YV programme.



Holocaust survivors Steven Sedley and Irene Alder share their testimonies to a group of students

United Nations International Holocaust Remembrance Day (UNIHDR)

This important event is commemorated in January each year in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and other regional centres. The events are well attended by survivors and their families, politicians, diplomats, academia, and senior representatives from major NGOs and community organisations. There is extensive media coverage of these events.



Anne Frank's Diary in te Reo Māori - Te Rātaka a Tētahi Kōhine

This iconic book was translated into te Reo Māori in 2019, the book's 73rd language, and is published and promoted by the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand in New Zealand and Australian markets. The book is available in both hard copy and eBook formats.



It is an important contribution to the growing body of world literature available in te Reo Māori, especially for students of the language. It is a recognition of the flourishing of the Maori language within Aotearoa New Zealand in recent years and makes this poignant text accessible to more students.

Centre Operations

Making a donation to Centre Operations enables the daily work to occur and flourish.

The Centre has a range of ongoing costs associated with daily operations. These include, but are not limited to, staff and educator salaries, equipment/facilities, technology, marketing, rent, training, and the collating and recording of survivor testimonies.



Artefacts

The Holocaust Centre of New Zealand maintains a collection of Holocaust-related artefacts. A bequest could either be in the form of donating an artefact/s or funding towards the preservation and exhibition of the Centre's existing collection.

Common artefacts include photographs, personal stories (letters, diaries), clothing, artwork, medals, and other memorabilia.



If you are considering making this kind of bequest, we suggest you talk to a Bequest Advisor to ensure that the centre can accommodate the gifting.

Gift in Perpetuity

The principal amount gifted is invested in the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand Foundation for a total return (i.e. income + growth), with a small portion of the fund's balance paid out, generally on an annual basis.



Inge Woolf shares her testimony. You can see the image on the screen of Inge as a child as she tells students of her journey to New Zealand.

HOW TO MAKE A BEQUEST

First - Talk with Your Solicitor or Trustee

The easiest way to make a Bequest is to talk with your solicitor or trustee.

After you've made provision for your family and friends, you may also wish to make a Bequest to the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand.

This can be done by:

- Including HCNZ when making a new Will.
- Adding HCNZ to your existing Will via a codicil.
- Varying your family trust to include HCNZ as a beneficiary.

It is essential, of course, that you discuss with your solicitor or trustee the form of bequest that best reflects your personal wishes and priorities.

Talk with One of our Bequest Advisors

We have Bequest Advisors based in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

If you wish to leave a specific amount, or nominate a bequest for a specific HCNZ programme or purpose, one of our advisors can meet with you and family members and provide you with up-to-date information. All discussions will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.

For example, you may wish to make one of the following types of bequests:

- General Purpose Bequest - to help fund the Centre's ongoing operational costs.
- Specific Purpose Bequest - to help fund one or more key programmes.
- Gift in Perpetuity - administered by HCNZ.
- Artefact Bequest - for the preservation and exhibition of HCNZ's existing artefact collection.

Forms of Bequest

In your Will, you can nominate HCNZ as a beneficiary or part-beneficiary, in the following ways:

- Allocate a specific amount, or percentage of your Will, to HCNZ
- Allocate property (e.g. house, land) to HCNZ
- Allocate specific items (including artefacts), money, shares etc to HCNZ
- Nominate HCNZ as a beneficiary in your insurance policy
- Establish a new (or amend an existing) trust fund where interest earned is donated to HCNZ
- Designate 'all the rest' and/or the 'residue of the estate' to HCNZ.

Please ensure you speak with your family and friends about your decision, so they are aware and supportive of your charitable wishes.

ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR GENEROSITY

We encourage our donors and supporters to let us know when they have made a Bequest.

We don't need to know the specific amount, just a phone call, email or letter from you or a family member to tell us you've made this commitment so we can acknowledge your generosity.

We will make sure we keep you up-to-date with our work on an annual basis; and, with your approval, we will acknowledge you as a benefactor in our Annual Report.

We are grateful to those benefactors who have, or are in the process of, planning a bequest in support of HCNZ. Ultimately, your bequest enables HCNZ to continue providing its services and to help secure our long-term future.

BEQUESTS MADE EASY

You can send the form below to your lawyer or trustee to advise them that you wish to include the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand in your Will.

They will contact you to confirm the details of your Bequest.

Alternatively, talk to them directly.

To: (name of your lawyer/trustee)

From: (your name and address)

Suggested wording for a gift in your will

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$_____ (or) _____ % of my estate, (or) residue of my estate, (or) property or assets as follows free of all charges, to The Holocaust Centre of New Zealand Incorporated. The official receipt of the Chief Executive Officer or other authorised officer of the Trustee is an absolute discharge to my executors."

"The experience that this man had was truly unbelievable. He went through so much but still has a positive outlook on the world. Thank you HCNZ for allowing us to visit and meet this important person in World History".

Student (16 year old) on meeting Holocaust survivor, Steven Sedley

CONTACTING US

If you have any further questions, or would like to have a confidential, no-obligation chat about making a donation to the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand, please contact us directly:

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