

Steven Sedley, MNZM: A Holocaust survivor and Founding Chair of the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand, Steven is a vital part of the group that established the Centre. At the service for International Holocaust Remembrance day, designated by the UN General Assembly, on January 27, 2005, Steven noticed the synagogue was fuller than he had ever seen it, with many unfamiliar faces -this brought home to him that the Holocaust touched the lives of many who were not Jewish, that the Holocaust was a universal story, a New Zealand story. A younger generation began to ask questions - there was a need to establish a Centre to remember the victims of the Holocaust, honour the survivors, and keep their memory alive through education. A small group of volunteers expanded Hanka & George Pressburg's display, into a new exhibition, which led to the establishment of the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand.

Steven has also been a pivotal cog in organising the Kristallnacht Concert for many years.

Steven is a former teacher, book store owner, a passionate contributor to the Jewish community, and valued HCNZ educator.

Steven was 9 years old when German troops invaded Budapest, and he has told his personal experience and that of the survival of his parents to thousands of New Zealanders in the hope that the lessons of the Holocaust are never forgotten.



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