Holocaust Memorial Day: Schools' Theatre Project

A free national schools' project will bring Stratford East and Tectonic Theater Project's five-star production of *Here There Are Blueberries* to classrooms for Holocaust Memorial Day 2027. Schools across the UK will receive free access to the production, teacher training and a resource pack, supporting pupils to explore history and complex themes through theatre.

This project has been made possible by a donation from the Iris and David Freeman Charitable Trust.





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"Quietly devastating"
- The Times

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"Profound, innovative and unique"
- The Guardian

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"This is mandatory viewing"
- Broadway World

Participating schools will receive:

- Free access to a professional film of the production during the week of Holocaust Memorial Day, Mon 25 Jan – Fri 29 Jan 2027.
- An accompanying resource pack with an Activity Toolbox, suggested lesson plans and a ready-for-students workbook with insight text from historians, archivists and the play's creative team.
- A specialised CPD session to unpack the material, exploring teaching the Holocaust across the curriculum, running in early January 2027.

Stratford East is a producing theatre, built in 1884 in the heart of London's East End. Led by Artistic Director Lisa Spirling, the theatre represents the culturally and socially diverse community of East London in the stories told on stage and beyond. The theatre's Learning and Participation programme supports emerging young talent, connects the theatre to the local community and delivers an exciting programme of engagement with schools.

Here There Are Blueberries tells the story of an album donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum containing never-before-seen photographs of Nazi officers and staff at the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp during the Holocaust. The events depicted in the play are true, and the dialogue is based on interviews with the people involved as well as additional historical research carried out by artists from the Tectonic Theater Project. *Here There Are Blueberries* compels audiences to consider the nature of humanity, our capacity to commit evil acts, and the point at which complicity begins.

To learn more about this project, or to register your interest, email: learn@stratfordeast.com.

Here There Are Blueberries was a Stratford East and Tectonic Theater co-production, produced in association with Brian & Dayna Lee, Eleanor Lloyd Productions and La Jolla Playhouse.