

## April 2023

### **Sikh Heritage Month**

Sikh Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate Sikh culture, arts, and heritage and to recognize the significant contributions that Sikh Canadians have made to Canada's social, economic, political and cultural fabric.

In 2013, the Ontario Legislative Assembly passed [Bill 52](#) to proclaim April as Sikh Heritage Month.

In April 2019, [Bill C-376](#) was enacted by the Government of Canada to recognize April as Sikh Heritage Month throughout Canada.

[Statement by Minister Hussen on Sikh Heritage Month](#) (2023)

### **Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month**

On April 24, 2015, Canada's House of Commons passed a motion designating April as Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month. It is an opportunity for Canadians to remember and honour the victims of genocide and the courage and resilience of the survivors of genocides and their descendants.

[Statement by Minister Hussen on Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month](#) (2023)

### **International Day of Pink**

April 12, 2023

International Day of Pink is celebrated annually on the second Wednesday of April. This day was established as part of efforts to end bullying against the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, continuing the fight for equality, diversity, and acceptance. To learn more, visit the [Canadian Centre for Gender + Sexual Diversity](#) (CCGSD).

[Statement by CUPE on International Day of Pink](#) (2023)

[Statement by Minister Ien on the International Day of Pink](#) (2022)

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### **Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)**

Evening of Monday, Apr 17, 2023 - Evening of Tuesday, Apr 18, 2023

Yom HaZikaron laShoah ve-laG'vurah (Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day), known colloquially in Israel and abroad as Yom HaShoah is observed as Israel's day of commemoration for the six million Jews, at least 500,000 Roma and Sinti, and other targeted vulnerable minorities, who were brutally murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators.

This year, the evening of April 17 will mark the beginning of Yom HaShoah.

In 2003, The Government of Canada passed [Bill C-459](#) to recognize Holocaust Memorial Day across Canada, determined each year by the Jewish lunar calendar.

[Statement by Minister Hussen on Yom HaShoah](#) (2022)

### **Survivor Testimony**

[Watch testimony clips](#) from Holocaust survivors who participated in past Yom HaShoah commemorations, like Agnes Kent.

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### **Resources to Add to Your Tool Kit**

[CUPE Ontario in the News](#)

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### **CUPE 2424**

Frequently asked questions, click the icon.



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