

## **A day of their own: Holocaust Survivor Day**

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### **Have we treated this heroic, aging community with the respect it deserves, with the support it urgently needs?**

On January 27th, 2020, in his speech during the ceremony commemorating the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, 94-year-old Marian Turski, Poland's best known living Holocaust survivor and – like many survivors in their own countries, states or cities – the moral conscience of Poland's Jewish community, spoke these chilling words:

“Auschwitz did not fall from the sky. It began with small forms of persecution of Jews. It happened; it means it can happen anywhere. That is why human rights and democratic constitutions must be defended. The eleventh commandment is important: Don't be indifferent. Do not be indifferent when you see historical lies. Do not be indifferent when any minority is discriminated against. Do not be indifferent when power violates a social contract.”

Read the rest in the [Jerusalem Post](#) .