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Upcoming events:

Sunday 21st November

Mitzvah Day* – still awaiting permission to collect items for refugees in Worcester City Centre. We are planning a collection stall outside St Andrew's Methodist Church in Pump Street from 11.00-3.00. It will be manned by a multifaith team, and we are hoping to partner with Worcester Welcomes Refugees.

*Mitzvah Day is a Jewish-led day of social action (<https://mitzvahday.org.uk/>)

Each year, in November, over 40,000 people around the world, come together to give our time, not money, to make a difference to the community around us.

It brings together people of all ages, faiths and backgrounds, to volunteer side-by-side, building longstanding, genuine relationships.

In the past, WIFF has organised a multi-faith team providing free refreshments to visitors, patients and staff at the Alex hospital in Redditch. For obvious reasons, we won't be doing that again this year.

Thursday 27th January

Holocaust Memorial Day 10.30-12.00. We are in the early stages of planning. It will probably be a hybrid event – online and in-person. We are partnering with the University of Worcester and Worcester City Council. We are hoping to have a Holocaust survivor, Mindu Hornick as our speaker.

Autumn 2022

We are planning a very exciting major event:

“Pilgrims of faiths: discovering shared humanity through the experience of pilgrimage”

There will be a series of activities centred around an exhibition at Worcester Cathedral demonstrating how different faith traditions approach the experience of pilgrimage. The project will focus on drawing links between shared aspects of pilgrimage as a journey of self-discovery, spiritual

awakening and greater appreciation of sites carrying significant importance for people of faith. The project will explore both the historic richness of pilgrimage traditions across different faiths and cultures and the significance of pilgrimage for society today.

The activities will include educational visits and workshops for students and local residents.

We have never undertaken such an ambitious project before, so any advice would welcome. We will be looking to appoint a curator, so please contact me now if you know anyone who may be interested.

You are all welcome to attend any of these events.