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Despite inclement weather, Yizkor service well attended

TORONTO – The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem held its 19th annual Yizkor

prayer and memorial service for victims of the Holocaust at Earl Bales Park on

Sunday.

Despite the rain and bitter cold, the service was well-

attended by Holocaust survivors, friends and families of victims, politicians and members of the community.

Hadas Wittenberg Silberstein, deputy consul general of Israel in Toronto and Western Canada, said, "Today we remember those who died simply because they were Jews. At a time like this, we renew our determination to live freely as Jews, whether here in

the Diaspora or in the Jewish land. We remember those who died and those who rescued Jews at a great personal risk. We remember so it shall not happen again."

Speakers included Environment Minister Peter Kent, York Centre MP Mark Adler and Fran Sonshine, national chair, Canadian Society for Yad Vashem.

Other special guests included Ontario Citizen-

ship and Immigration Minister Dr. Eric Hoskins; Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair; York Centre MPP Monte Kwinter; Toronto and Vaughan City Councillors Joe Mihevc, James Pasternak, Alan Shefman, David Shiner and Howard Shore; York Centre candidate Michael Mostyn; and Donna Holbrook, executive director, International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (Canada).



Environment Minister Peter Kent speaks at 19th annual Yizkor prayer service for Holocaust victims.



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