



Member of Parliament Peter Goldring has been asked to be the Parliamentary co-chair (with MP David Sweet) of the annual Ride to Remember which is being held in Canada for the first time from May 31 - June 3, 2012. He explains the significance of the event, which has the theme “**Never Again!**”

The Ride to Remember (R2R) was started in 2005 as an annual event in which Jewish motorcyclists in the United States would ride to remember those murdered in the Holocaust, and to raise funds for Holocaust education.

The Ride was started by the Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance (JMA) in the US. JMA is an umbrella organization for Jewish motorcycle clubs worldwide that was founded to bring together Jews who were passionate about motorcycle riding. It also encourages member clubs and individuals to participate in activities that will promote worthy educational and charitable pursuits that are beneficial to the Jewish community and wider non-

Jewish community. The organization has raised more than \$300,000 for its projects since 2005.

The 2012 Ride to Remember will be the first to take place outside the United States. The Toronto motorcycle club YOW (Yidden on Wheels) will host the ride May 31st to June 3rd, and thousands of riders from across Canada and the US are expected to take part.

The ride has usually attracted several hundred riders from the 46 member clubs of the JMA (with

riders coming from the USA, Canada, Australia and Israel), but for 2012 the ride is being opened up to non-Jewish motorcycle clubs who want to participate, including the continent-wide Christian motorcycle group Mission of Hope (M25) who want to join in the R2R in recognition of the Holocaust and other world genocides such as the Holodomor in Ukraine. The Perfect Pigs MC who organize



Ride 2 Remember participants will pass by Canada’s National War Memorial after the ceremony on Parliament Hill.

Canada’s annual Heroes Highway Ride have also been invited to participate as a valued partner in this incredible one of a kind event.



This year's fundraising efforts will be dedicated to the Holocaust Educators Study Tour of Christian Educators, who will receive a first hand eyewitness understanding of the horrors and truths of the Holocaust (the extermination of six million Jews by the Nazis during the Second World War), enabling these Christian Educators to pass their experiences onto others, so no one should ever forget the evil that humankind is capable of inflicting upon humanity.

The focus is to ensure that tomorrow's leaders understand the horrors of genocide and the terrible consequences of indifference. In this context, having Bikers from across the religious, cultural, and national divides shouts volumes to the importance of this common cause. The Second World War Holocaust is perhaps the best-known of the genocides of the 20th century and it is im-

portant to continue to promote education about and understanding of this horror and similar genocides, such as the Holodomor in Ukraine, to truly ensure that such actions are not repeated in the future. In the words of the theme: "Never Again!"

It is estimated that as many as 500 Christian Bikers will ride in the R2R, which is unprecedented in either Canada or the United States of America.

The route to Toronto from the US will take the riders through Kingston, then on to Ottawa, and will

include a rally on Parliament Hill.

A group of JMA Riders from the Montreal Maccabees, the Widow's Sons (Masons) and Heroes Highway Riders have been invited by M25 to meet the Christian Bikers in Washington DC on May 28th, where the Maccabees will join Rolling Thunder, which is an annual Ride of some quarter to a half million Bikers who come together to bring attention and to pay honour to U.S. service members killed, held captive, or missing in action.

From Washington DC, the Maccabees will escort the Christian Riders and other prominent Americans for the Ride to Canada. It is expected that the riders will be given a police escort when they cross the Canadian border that will stay with them until they reach their final destination in Toronto.



Many of the Riders are veterans who wish to pay their respects to Canada's fallen heroes. As such, a special ceremony is planned at Royal Canadian Air Force Base Trenton.

The first Canadian stop will be an overnight stay in Kingston on May 29th. On the following Day, the Christian Riders and their Jewish Biker Escorts will ride to Ottawa.

In a special ceremony on the Parliament Hill on May 31st, there will be several speakers to welcome the Riders, and explain the purpose and Parliament's role in this event. Amongst a show of flags (Canadian, American, Australian and Israeli), there will be the playing of the National An-



thems of The United States of America, Australia, Israel and Canada.

The Reverend Gary Burd of M25 will make a Benediction, followed by statements and prayers to be delivered by several Christian and Jewish Clergy. After the prayers, Government representatives will speak on the horrors of genocide, the reality of the Holocaust, and Canada's commitment to the theme of **"Never Again!"** Following that speech will be the Kad-dish – the final prayer.

The Kaddish, which will be delivered by a Chabad Rabbi associated with the JMA, is an ancient Hebrew Prayer that pays homage to those who have perished. In the context of this R2R, this Kaddish is recited for the Souls of all innocent people, of all religions, of all races, of both genders, and all cultures who've perished in Global Genocides throughout history.

After the Kaddish all in attendance will be asked to take the pledge of "Never Again!"

Following the Parliament Hill ceremony the bikers will proceed to Toronto with a detour off Highway 401 to CFB (Canadian Forces Base) Trenton with a military escort, to pay tribute to all of Canada's fallen heroes. The Ride will then form up and ride with police escort to Toronto.

In Toronto, a memorial ceremony will be held on

June 1st to once again make the pledge of "Never Again!"

Many of those making the ride are concerned that the lessons of the 10 million lives lost in the Holocaust, and 10 million more lost in Stalin's forced famine (Holodomor) in Ukraine, have not been learned in the years since. Unfortunately man's inhumanity to man has been manifest many times in the past century, a century so violent that man-



The Holiday Inn and Suites Hotel in Markham, Ontario where the JMA will host a weekend of R2R activities, including a special banquet and a Ride through Toronto.

kind itself was brought to an atomic brink. Cambodia, Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia, just to name a few, are countries that collectively saw tens of millions more innocent people die through the actions of despotic regimes.

Peter Goldring was the first Canadian Member of Parliament to refer to the Holodomor in Ukraine as a genocide

(in a speech in Parliament in 1998), something that has since become recognized by Parliament and accepted as fact (in 2008). He is well aware that there are those who, to support their own agendas, deny the truth of historical events like the Holodomor or the Holocaust, and has spoken out on many occasions to ensure the facts of history are not obscured or re-written. He has also been a defender of Canadian constitutional rights and freedoms and has worked extensively nationally and internationally to promote rights, democracy and freedoms.

Immediately after the October 1995 Referendum in Quebec, Peter Goldring contacted the Special Committee For Canadian Unity (SCCU) in Montreal and received authorization to organize in Edmonton to help spread their message of Canadian unity in Western Canada.

Peter has been a staunch supporter of Canadian unity and has worked extensively in Quebec and across other provinces in this work with Howard Galganov and many others.

He spent his first four years in Parliament in particular working and promoting Canadian unity in Quebec with persons such as Howard Galganov, talk show host at CIQC-AM in Montreal, and the

rest of Canada. He was the first Member of Parliament approached by Ride to Remember organizer Howard Galganov to become involved and he agreed to wholeheartedly. "We need a remembrance of the dark side of humanity and to guard against those who, under the guise of free speech, teach the denial of such atrocities. We must all counter such denials with the truth, so that, informed, we are not likely to repeat those horrors."

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Update: More information on the 2012 Ride to Remember can be obtained at www.jewishbikersworldwide.com or www.ride2remember.com.

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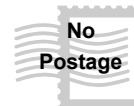
Yes No

Q2: Would you be interested in taking part in Canada's first Ride to Remember, Parliament Hill to Toronto?

Yes No

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