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In the presence of Ms Anita Lasker-Wallfisch, world famous cellist and surviving member of the Women's Orchestra in Auschwitz, Mischa and Maxim Maisky performed "From Jewish Life: Prayer" by Ernest Bloch on cello and piano.

In her speech, [Liliana Segre](#), the 89-year-old Italian senator-for-life and Auschwitz survivor, recalled the absolute inhumanity of the camps and "death marches" organised by the Nazis in 1945, which she survived as a young girl, unlike many others: "They were merely guilty of being born". She stated that she has a duty to bear witness, as long as she lives.

Statements by [EP President David Sassoli](#) and Commission President [Ursula von der Leyen](#) on the inviolability of each and every person's dignity and the duty of Europeans to stand up against anti-Semitism, racism and discrimination were followed by a minute of silence. The Karski Quartet and Naomi Couquet (Mezzo-Soprano) performed Maurice Ravel's "Kaddish" to close the solemn sitting.

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