

# COMMEMORATION PROGRAM



1944  
2019

Rocznica likwidacji  
Litzmannstadt Getto

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Commemoration of the liquidation  
of the Litzmannstadt Ghetto



The author of the drawing used as the logo for the commemorations, which represents a silhouette of the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – the tallest building on the terrain of the Litzmannstadt Ghetto – and the bridge on Zgierska, is Abraham Koplłowicz. He was born on 18 February 1930 in Łódź, the only child of Mendel and Yochet Gittel Koplłowicz. Taken from the ghetto along with his parents on the last transport to Auschwitz, he perished in the gas chamber in September 1944.

Eliezer Grynfeld, whose mother married after the war Mendel Koplłowicz, found after the death of his stepfather several memorabilia, including a school exercise book with a hand-drawn illustration on the cover along with the title "Litzmannstadt-Ghetto 1943" and the words: A. KOPLOWICZ "HIS OWN WORKS".

Our thanks to Mr Eliezer Grynfeld for providing the illustration and family photographs.

# Litzmannstadt Ghetto

## (1940–1944)



In February 1940 the German chief of Łódź police issued an order that a special district for Jews was to be created in the north of the city. Jews had to leave their homes in other parts of Łódź to live in Bałuty and Stare Miasto (the Old City). At the same time Poles and Germans were forced to move out of the area designated only for Jews. This was the beginning of the Łódź Ghetto. On 30 April 1940, the ghetto was completely isolated from the rest of the city. Łódź was at that time known as Litzmannstadt, the name given to it by the Germans.

The Litzmannstadt Ghetto was surrounded by barbed wire fencing and guarded by German sentries. The Nazis demolished many homes adjacent to this terrain to hamper any attempts to escape. From May 1940 the Ghetto was administered by Hans Biebow, a German merchant from Bremen, and answerable to him was a Jewish Council led by the Head of the Council of Elders, Mordechai Chaim Rumkowski. The ghetto initially had around 160,000 inhabitants. In the autumn of 1941, the Germans transported nearly 20,000 Jews here from Prague, Vienna, Luxembourg, Berlin, Hamburg, Frankfurt and other parts of Europe as well as over 5,000 Gypsies (Roma and Sinti) from the Austrian–Hungarian borderlands. Then another 17,000 Jews were brought from the surrounding towns and villages, including Brzeziny, Łask, Ozorków, Pabianice, Włocławek and many others. All in all, more than 200,000 Jews passed through the Łódź Ghetto. In December 1942, a separate camp for Polish children was created within the ghetto, known as the Przemysłowa Street camp. It existed until the end of the war. Litzmannstadt Ghetto was the longest lasting ghetto established on Polish soil by the Germans. The others were liquidated by the Nazis in 1942 and 1943.

January 1942 saw mass deportations begin from Łódź to the Kulmhof extermination camp (Chełmno on Ner). Between January and September over 70,000 people were murdered there by the Germans. The most important moment in the history of the ghetto was the so-called “Wielka Szpera” (Allgemeine Ghespere, General Curfew), when the Germans ordered to deport all those who were unable to work: sick, old people and children under the age of 10. Afterwards relative peace reigned. Transportations were renewed in June 1944, first to Chełmno, then to Auschwitz–Birkenau.

The last group of Jews from Łódź is believed to have left for Auschwitz on 29 August 1944.

There are only a few, at most several thousand people, who survived the war and went through the Litzmannstadt Ghetto. The very few Survivors are scattered around the world.

Since 2004, in Łódź, on August 29, the City of Łódź has organized the commemoration of paying tribute to the victims and the memory of the Survivors and the Righteous Among the Nations.



# 1944 2019

## MAIN COMMEMORATIONS

29.08.2019 (Thursday)



- 11:00 am** Religious commemorations at the Jewish Cemetery in Łódź (lighting of candles) [PL/ENG]  
**Venue:** Jewish Cemetery | 40. Bracka St.
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- 12.00 pm** March of Remembrance from the Jewish Cemetery to the Radegast Station Memorial
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- 12.30 pm** Official commemorations at the Radegast Station Memorial (laying of flowers) [PL/ENG]  
**Venue:** Museum of the Independence Traditions in Łódź – The Radegast Station Branch) | 12. Pamięci Ofiar Litzmannstadt Getto Ave.
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- 3.30 pm** Symbolic burial of the foundation stone for the first post-war synagogue in Poland  
**Venue:** Jewish Community in Łódź | 18. Pomorska St.
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- 8.00 pm** "We Long for a Home..." – jazz concert inspired by the music played between 1945 and 1949 by artists who survived the Łódź ghetto and established The Happy Boys  
**Vocalists:** Aga Zaryan, Andrzej Dąbrowski, Wojciech Myrczek  
**Band:** Robert Majewski, Henryk Miśkiewicz, Michał Tokaj, Sławomir Kurkiewicz, Marcin Jahr, Grzegorz Nagórski, Bartek Dworak  
**Venue:** Marek Edelman Dialogue Center (parking in front of the building) | 83. Wojska Polskiego St.



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## ACCOMPANYING EVENTS IN ŁÓDŹ

25.08–01.09.2019



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### 25.08.2019 (SUNDAY)

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**8:00am** Service for the Victims of the Litzmannstadt Ghetto

**Venue:** Old Catholic Mariavite Church in Łódź |  
28. Franciszkańska St.

**8:30am** Service for the Victims of the Litzmannstadt Ghetto

**Venue:** Church of the Holy Family in Łódź |  
41. Wyszyński Ave.

**10:00am** A walk in the Jewish cemetery in Łódź  
[PL/ENG]

**Start:** Jewish Cemetery (at the Pre-funeral House) |  
40. Bracka St.

**10:00am** Service for the Victims of the Litzmannstadt Ghetto

**Venue:** Evangelical–Augsburg Church of St. Matthew  
in Łódź | 279/283. Piotrkowska St.

**10:30am** Service commemorating the 75th  
Anniversary of the Liquidation of the Litzmannstadt  
Ghetto

**Venue:** Evangelical Reformed Church in Łódź |  
37. Radwańska St.

**11:00am** Service for the Victims of the Litzmannstadt  
Ghetto, followed the opening of the exhibition  
“Children from the Łódź ghetto”

**Venue:** Evangelical Methodist Church | 2a. Organizacji  
WiN St.

**12:00pm** “Ghetto railway station” – a walk [PL]

**Organizer:** Museum of Independence Traditions in Łódź  
**Venue:** The Radegast Station Branch | 12. Pamięci Ofiar  
Litzmannstadt Getto Ave.

**12:30pm** Service of the 75th Anniversary of the Liquidation of the Litzmannstadt Ghetto, followed by the opening of the exhibition "And I still see their faces..."

**Co-organizer:** Shalom Foundation  
**Venue:** Archcathedral in Łódź | 265. Piotrkowska St.

**5:00pm** "Traces" – opening of the photography exhibition of Georgia Nowak [PL/ENG]

**Co-organizer:** City Art Gallery  
**Venue:** Bałucka Gallery | 2. Stary Rynek

**6:30pm** "Rabbis towards the Shoah" – a lecture from Rabbi Dawid Szychowski [PL]

**Venue:** Marek Edelman Dialogue Center | 83. Wojska Polskiego St.

**8:00pm** "Searching the Silence" – a theater performance [PL/ENG]

**Venue:** Marek Edelman Dialogue Center | 83. Wojska Polskiego St.

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## 26.08.2019 (MONDAY)

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**10:00am** A walk along the route of Jewish Łódź [PL/ENG]

**Start:** Staromiejski Park (at the Monument of the Decalogue)

**2:00pm** "The Post Office in the Łódź Ghetto" – exhibition opening [PL/ENG]

**Organizers:** The State Archive in Łódź, The University of Łódź

**Venue:** The State Archive in Łódź | PL. Wolności 1

**5:00pm** "Łódź Ghetto 1944" and "We are Eternal Trees. Stories about the Survivors from the Łódź Ghetto" – exhibition openings and inauguration of the project "Memory Dialogues: 2016 | 2017 | 2018" [PL/ENG]

**Venue:** Marek Edelman Dialogue Center | 83. Wojska Polskiego St.

**6:00pm** "Faces of the ghetto" – presentation of publications about the Łódź ghetto [PL]

**Co-organizer:** The University of Łódź  
**Venue:** Marek Edelman Dialogue Center | 83. Wojska Polskiego St.

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## 27.08.2019 (Tuesday)

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**9:50am** "Ten to Ten. A living memorial of love through song" – an artistic action inspired by Chava Rosenfarb's trilogy "The Tree of Life"; Directed by Jane Arnfield, Composer Katie Doherty with the CLIL Jewish Choir  
**Venue:** 14. Zachodnia St.

**10:00am** A walk along the route of the Litzmannstadt Ghetto [PL/ENG]

**Start:** 14. Zachodnia St.

**3:00pm and 7:00pm** "Two Rooms" – performance action [PL]

**Co-organizer:** Szwalnia Theater  
**Venue:** Szwalnia Theater | 90A. Struga St.

**4:30pm** Discussion about Ellen Korman Mains' book *Buried Rivers: A Spiritual Journey into the Holocaust* [PL/ENG]

Conducted by Maciej Robert  
**Venue:** Marek Edelman Dialogue Center | 83. Wojska Polskiego St.

**6:00pm** *The Boy Who Was Left Behind*, SVT Sweden 2018 (59') – premiere screening in Poland of the television documentary about Richard Lewkowicz and promotion for Mark Ejlenberg's book *Leaving Richard* [PL/ENG]

**Venue:** Marek Edelman Dialogue Center | 83. Wojska Polskiego St.

**8:30pm** "Jidyszajt" – a concert by Dawid Gurfinkiel with the band of Marek Kądziała

**Venue:** The Reicher Synagogue | 28. Rewolucji 1905 r. St.

**8:30pm** "Deportations of Jews from the Łódź ghetto to Auschwitz-Birkenau" – a lecture from Andrzej Grzegorzczak [PL]

**Organizer:** Museum of Independence Traditions in Łódź  
**Venue:** The Radegast Station Branch | 12. Pamięci Ofiar Litzmannstadt Getto Ave.

**9:50pm** "Ten to Ten: A Living memorial of Love Through Song" – an artistic action inspired by Chava Rosenfarb's trilogy "The Tree of Life", Directed by Jane Arnfield, Composer Katie Doherty with the CLIL Jewish Choir  
**Venue:** The Radegast Station Branch | 12. Pamięci Ofiar Litzmannstadt Getto Ave.

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## **28.08.2019 (WEDNESDAY) – DAY OF THE SURVIVORS**

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**9:00am** A walk around The Survivors' Park with Grażyna Ojrzyńska – co-creator of The Survivors' Park and unveiling of the Monument of the Tree, dedicated to Halina Elczerwka [PL/ENG]  
**Start:** The Survivors' Park (at the Dialogue Center) | 83. Wojska Polskiego St.

**11:00am** A ceremony of granting Memory Trees [PL/ENG]  
**Venue:** The Survivors' Park | 83. Wojska Polskiego St.

**12:00pm** A concert from the Children's Choir of the City of Łódź for the Survivors and the Righteous Among the Nations  
**Venue:** Marek Edelman Dialogue Center | 83. Wojska Polskiego St.

**5:00pm** A meeting with the Survivor Marian Turski and Prof. Robert Shapiro, "Lucjan Dobroszycki in Memoriam" [PL/ENG]  
**Venue:** Marek Edelman Dialogue Center | 83. Wojska Polskiego St.

**6:00pm** A presentation of the film *My Happiest Day*, directed by Michał Bukojemski, Poland 2013 (67') [PL/ENG]  
**Venue:** Marek Edelman Dialogue Center | 83. Wojska Polskiego St.

**8:30pm** "Tehorah" – a concert by Adrienne Haan with piano accompaniment from Benjamin Schaefer  
**Concert under the patronage of the Embassy of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in Poland.**  
**Venue:** The Kazimierz Dejmek New Theatre in Łódź | 15. Więckowskiego St.

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## **30.08.2019 (FRIDAY)**

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**8:00am** Service for the Victims of the Litzmannstadt Ghetto  
**Venue:** Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary | 8/10. Kościelna St.

**9:50am** "Ten to Ten: A Living memorial of Love Through Song" – an artistic action inspired by Chava Rosenfarb's trilogy "The Tree of Life", Directed by Jane Arnfield, Composer Katie Doherty with the CLIL Jewish Choir  
**Venue:** Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary | 8/10. Kościelna St.

**10:00am** A walk around Bałuty [PL/ENG]  
**Start:** Church Square (Plac Kościelny)

**10:00am** A review of films with the Survivors' stories at the Dialogue Center:  
*Radegast*, directed by Borys Lankosz, Poland 2008 (50') [PL/ENG]

**11:00am** *Gegen das Vergessen*, concept – Gero Conring; director, cameraman and producer – Ulrich Scholz; project supervisor – Alfred Weese; Germany 2018 (19') [PL/DE]

**11:30am** *To Stay Alive*, directed by Piotr Zarębski, Poland 2000 (58') [PL/ENG]  
**Venue:** Marek Edelman Dialogue Center | 83. Wojska Polskiego St.

**1:00pm** A curator guide of the exhibition "Expressions of Freedom: BUNT and JUNG IDYSZ (1918-1920)" [ENG]  
Conducted by Adam Klimczak  
**Organizer:** Museum of the City of Łódź  
**Venue:** Museum of the City of Łódź | 15. Ogrodowa St.

**3:00pm** *Josef Pepek Salomonovic*, directed by Peter Hackl, Austria 2018 (71') [PL/DE] – premiere screening in Poland of the film and a meeting with Josef "Pepek" Salomonowicz

**The event co-organized with the Austrian Cultural Forum.**

**Venue:** Marek Edelman Dialogue Center | 83. Wojska Polskiego St.



**5:00pm** "We are one piece of longing" – a walk along the route of Jewish women in the Łódź ghetto [PL]  
**Organizer:** Lodz Women Trail Foundation  
**Start:** in front of the Center for Blood Donation | 17/25. Franciszkańska St.

**7:15pm** The beginning of the Sabbath  
**Organizer:** The Jewish Community in Łódź  
**Venue:** The Reicher Synagogue | 28. Rewolucji 1905 r. St.

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### 31.08.2019 (SATURDAY)

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**12:30pm** Guided tour of the exhibition "In the Common Backyard" [ENG]  
Conducted by Antonina Pawłowska  
**Organizer:** Museum of the City of Łódź  
**Venue:** Museum of the City of Łódź | 15. Ogrodowa St.

**2:00pm** Guided tour of the exhibitions:  
"Marek Edelman: The Man", "Łódź Ghetto 1944"  
and "We are Eternal Trees: Stories about the Survivors from the Łódź ghetto" [ENG]  
**Venue:** Marek Edelman Dialogue Center | 83. Wojska Polskiego St.

**2:00pm** "(Un)conceivable occupation – Łódź and the Łódź region in the first months of German occupation during World War II" – a lecture [PL]  
Conducted by Sebastian Adamkiewicz  
**Organizer:** Museum of the City of Łódź  
**Venue:** Museum of the City of Łódź | 15. Ogrodowa St.

**3:30pm** Guided tour of the exhibition "In the common backyard" [PL]  
Conducted by Beata Kamińska  
**Organizer:** Museum of the City of Łódź  
**Venue:** Museum of the City of Łódź | 15. Ogrodowa St.

**4:00pm** "Jewish artists in the collection of the Museum of Art in Łódź" – a curator's tour [ENG]  
**Organizer:** Museum of Art in Łódź  
**Venue:** Museum of Art in Łódź – MS2 | 19. Ogrodowa St.

**9:00pm** Havdala – evening prayers  
**Organizer:** The Jewish Community in Łódź  
**Venue:** The Reicher Synagogue | 28. Rewolucji 1905 r. St.

**9:50pm** "Ten to Ten: A Living memorial of Love Through Song" – an artistic action inspired by Chava Rosenfarb's trilogy "The Tree of Life", Directed by Jane Arnfield, Composer Katie Doherty with the CLIL Jewish Choir  
**Venue:** The Old Town Marketsquare (Stary Rynek) in Łódź

**10:15pm** "Zone of Silence" – a social action with candles on the area of the former Litzmannstadt Ghetto on the eve of the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II  
**Venue:** The Old Town Marketsquare (Stary Rynek) in Łódź

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### 01.09.2019 (SUNDAY)

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**12:30pm** Kraków Poetry Salon – poets from the Litzmannstadt Ghetto [PL]  
Ticket price: 10 PLN (tickets available at [www.bilety.nowy.pl](http://www.bilety.nowy.pl) and at the ticket office of Teatr Nowy – 93. Zachodnia St.)  
**Organizer:** The Kazimierz Dejmek New Theater in Łódź  
**Venue:** The Kazimierz Dejmek New Theater in Łódź | 15. Więckowskiego St.

**4.00pm** Guided tour of the exhibition „The Girl in the Diary. Searching for Rywka from the Łódź Ghetto” [PL]  
**Co-organizer:** The Galicia Jewish Museum  
**Venue:** Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary | 8/10. Kościelna St.





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**ACCOMPANYING  
EVENTS OUTSIDE  
OF ŁÓDŹ**

**25-30.08.2019**



**Zduńska Wola**

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**25.08.2019 (SUNDAY)**

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**4:00pm** Open Day of the Jewish Cemetery in Zduńska Wola – a guided tour [PL]

**Start:** Entrance to the cemetery (the gate at Kacza St., Zduńska Wola)

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**30.08.2019 (FRIDAY)**

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**11:00am** A guided tour of the Jewish Cemetery in Zduńska Wola [ENG]

Please confirm your participation to the organizer – Kamila Klauzińska – <http://jewishrootsinpoland.pl/>

For detailed information on the events  
and the programme:  
[www.centrumdialogu.com/en/litzmannstadt-ghetto](http://www.centrumdialogu.com/en/litzmannstadt-ghetto)

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