**“The Roots of the Uprising. Resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto” – an outdoor exhibition prepared by the Jewish Historical Institute of Emanuel Ringelblum**

**Szlama Bar Winer, Szmuel Bresław, Tosia Altman, Józef Lewartowski, Emanuel Ringelblum, Margalit Landau, Róża Symchowicz – these are the heroes of the outdoor exhibition accompanying this year's March of Remembrance. Their stories testify that the resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto lasted almost from the very beginning. Its symbols are also the plants used in the exhibition. The same species grew on the ruins of the ghetto almost 80 years ago.**

The outdoor exhibition is an inseparable element of the March of Remembrance. Going through the entire route and reaching the exhibition site is also its solemn inauguration. This year, on the square of the Scout Battalion of the Home Army Wigry (in front of the Muranów Cinema), you will learn the history of the beginnings of the resistance of the ghetto inhabitants, as well as the strength of nature's opposition, which did not let itself be overcome by the rubble into which the occupier turned the Northern District.

– This year's March of Remembrance and the accompanying great outdoor exhibition allow participants and viewers to delve - thanks to the greenery - almost literally, into the most secret layers of Warsaw, our city, which was so painfully experienced during the German occupation during World War II. Plants are always a symbol of rebirth and hope. In the year of the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, we want to emphasize that the uprising was preceded by lengthy preparations, says the **Director of the Jewish Historical Institute, Monika Krawczyk.**

Grupa Centrala gave the exhibition a unique shape: it is a wooden table-flowerbed, around which photos and texts have been placed, telling about the everyday struggle for survival that the inhabitants of the ghetto had to fight and about the roots of their resistance. The creators of the exhibition present the figures whose stories prove this in a special way. We tell, among others, about the scientist and social worker Emanuel Ringelblum, the founder of the Oneg Shabbat group and the patron of the Jewish Historical Institute, Roza Symchowicz, an educator who devoted her life to the education of Jewish children, Szlama Bel Winer, the author of the report from the Chełmno camp, and Tosia Altman – an activist of the Hashomer Hacair, acquiring weapons for the Jewish Combat Organization, and later fighting in the uprising.

The story about the civilian heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto intertwines with the story about the power of nature, written by the botanist Roman Kobendza just after the war. As an employee of the Capital Reconstruction Office, right after the war, he examined and described the greenery reborn in the extremely unfavorable conditions of the ruins of the ghetto. The plants were

re-grown by the landscape architect Natalia Budnik: among them, e.g. small-flowered mullein (a close relative of this plant was the inspiration for the shape of the menorah) or double-pinnate cosmos, which welcomed those returning to the capital after the war, for which it received the graceful name “warszawianka”.

That “garden exhibition” encourages reflection on the roots of the April Uprising, on the 80th anniversary of its outbreak, showing how the activities of the resistance movement in the ghetto changed, from educational and aid, to the concepts of armed struggle.

The exhibition is accompanied by a rich program of events, available soon at [www.jhi.pl](http://www.jhi.pl).

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July 21 – September 21, 2023, square of the Home Army Scout Battalion “Wigry” (next to the “Muranów” Cinema)

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