**The March of Remembrance will commemorate the resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto**

**March, organized by the Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute for 12 years, this year will walk through the streets of Warsaw on July 21, 2023 (6 p.m.), commemorating the murdered Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto. In the year of the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, we will pay special attention to the resistance put up by the inhabitants of the “closed district” against the German occupier.**

In the summer of 1942, the Germans began the so-called “Grossaktion” – a large deportation of Jews to the Treblinka extermination camp. From July 22 to September 21, 1942, trains departed almost every day from the Umschlagplatz, the transshipment yard at Stawki Street, transporting about 5-6 thousand people. As the action progressed, these horrific numbers grew. Nearly 300,000 inhabitants of the Warsaw Ghetto were murdered in overcrowded wagons going to the camp and in Treblinka itself. Many of them remain unjustly nameless – the March is to bring back the memory of them and their tragic death.

*“This year marks the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, which was the largest armed uprising of Jews against the Germans during World War II. We would like to remind you that the fight was not the only way to oppose the German occupier, and the uprising itself was the result of long and careful preparations. An example of civil resistance is the Ringelblum Archive kept at the JHI, which is an invaluable testimony to the horror of those days”,* says **Monika Krawczyk, director of the JHI**.

The March, which can be joined by everyone who wants to cherish the memory of the inhabitants of the Warsaw Ghetto, will set off from the Umschlagplatz monument (10 Stawki St., corner of Dzika St.) on July 21 at 6 p.m. It will walk the symbolic route “from death to life” along the streets: Stawki – Dubois – Zamenhoffa – Nowolipki – Andersa. Participants of the March will carry symbolic Ribbons of Remembrance with the names of the victims of the Warsaw Ghetto. You can prepare the ribbon yourself or receive it from volunteers during March. The procession will end at the Square of the Scout Battalion of the Home Army “Wigry” (in front of the Muranów Cinema), where we will open the exhibition **“Roots of the Uprising. Resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto”** – participants of the March will also hang ribbons there. The exhibition is devoted to the various faces of resistance, both civil and armed, of the inhabitants of the ghetto, opposing the occupier long before the outbreak of the uprising in April 1943. Its most important part is a plant carpet referring to the leitmotif of the exhibition: the roots of the rebellion of Jewish men and women imprisoned in the ghetto, and to the resistance of nature itself, which took root in the dunes of Muranów turned into rubble. The curators are Dr. Maria Ferenc and Franciszek Bojańczyk from the Jewish Historical Institute.

For years, an open final concert has been a permanent element of the March. This year, the VRC Choir, known for its concerts and events combining music, theatre, performance, and literature, will sing for the participants. At the end of the March of Remembrance, we will hear songs in Yiddish, among them *Street Singer from the Warsaw Ghetto*, *Hymn of Youth*, and *In Kamf*.

Participation in all events related to the March of Remembrance is free of charge. We cordially invite all Varsovians and visitors from other places.

March of Remembrance

Date: July 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m

Starting point: Umschlagplatz monument in Warsaw (10 Stawki St, corner of Dzika St.)

End: Square of the Home Army Scout Battalion “Wigry” (in front of the Muranów Cinema): opening of the exhibition, hanging ribbons, and an outdoor concert. Estimated end of the event: approx. 8 p.m.

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