

Birzai Jewish Culture and History Society

Honouring Memory and Promoting Holocaust Education in Lithuania

Partners:



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN JEWISH MEMORIAL DAY IN BIRZAI - BIRZH. A CEREMONY TO HONOR THE SAVERS OF JEWS. Memorial procession to Pakamponys to the ceremony and unveiling of monument of victims of the Holocaust in Birzai-Birzh.

We would like to inform you that a memorial event of Birzai (Birzh in Yiddish) victims of the Holocaust, will take place on Sunday, June 16th.

This ceremony will be preceded by a tree planting ceremony at the site of the old Jewish Ghetto, to honor those people from the Birzai region who risked their lives to save our Jewish citizens from the most terrible tragedy of the XX century, the Holocaust.

After the tree planting ceremony, there will be a memorial procession from the site of the former Jewish Ghetto to Pakamponys forest, where the murder of Holocaust Birzai victims took place.

On the 8-8-1941 about 2400 people were shot to death in Pakamponys, 900 were children. The initiators of the Birzai-Birzh project, Abel and Glenda Levitt, Kfar Sava, Israel, the leader of the project, Ben Rabinowitz, Cape Town, South Africa, architect, Dr. Joseph Rabie, Paris, France and our local partners and local people will be attending the ceremony together with participants from USA, South Africa, Israel, France and other countries as well as from Lithuania, whose roots are in Birzai and many of whom have family who lie in the mass grave, murdered by Nazis and local collaborators.

If you would like to get more information about the event, please call tel. +37067112400 or write via e-mail info@birzaijewish.lt .

Please see the program of the event attached.

Organizers: Birzai Jewish Culture and History Society, Birzai District Municipality, Birzai District Museum 'Sela'.

Partners: Israel Embassy in Lithuania, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania, International Commission for the Evaluation of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania.