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On September 23, commemorating the Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Genocide of Lithuanian Jews and marking the 77th anniversary of the liquidation of the Vilnius ghetto, on the initiative of the International Commission for the evaluation of the crimes of the Nazi and Soviet occupation regimes in Lithuania people marched on "The Memory Road" to the massacre sites of Jews all over Lithuania.



At the beginning of the event, Ronaldas Račinskas, the executive Director of the International Commission, recalled the words on the Holocaust victims said more than a quarter of a century ago by Marija Rolnikaitė, a prisoner of the Vilnius ghetto: "... never forget that they were deprived of their lives due to some people's hatred towards others. Resist this hatred, no matter in what way it manifests itself and justifies it, so there would be no need ever again to mark such anniversaries ... "





COMMEMORATION OF SEPTEMBER 23D

In Vilnius and in Paneriai

The event participants were addressed by the Chairman of the International Commission Emanuelis Zingeris, the Minister of Education, Science and Sports Algirdas Monkevičius, the Minister of Culture Mindaugas Kvietkauskas, the Chancellor of the Government Algirdas Stončaitis, the Ambassador of the State of Israel Yossef Levy, Archbishop Gintaras Grušas. Representatives of Vilnius and Kaunas Jewish communities, foreign diplomats, schoolchildren and teachers took part in the commemoration.









"THE MEMORY ROAD" INITIATIVES FROM ALL OF LITHUANIA

The initiative is an invitation for teachers and schoolchildren to remember large Jewish communities of Lithuania eliminated during the Holocaust, and to march to the massacre sites on the roads which the Jews had to take on their last journey. This year the "Memory Road" events took place all over Lithuania, in about 100 places.

Moments from the events 2020/09/23















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