

NEWSLETTER

The International March of the Living

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Representatives From Lithuania at the 35th March of the Living



On 18 April 2023, the March of the Living occurred at the former Nazi concentration camp in Auschwitz. The international event, now a 35-year-old initiative, commemorates the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Participants from 52 countries worldwide marched in a column from the Auschwitz Museum to the site of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the former death camp.

The March of the Living, as every year, was attended by former prisoners of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp and the survivors of the Holocaust. Every year, sadly, fewer and fewer of them are joining us. A group from Lithuania participated together with representatives from other countries. The participation of the grandchildren of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising fighters in the event was a link between the young and the older generation to mark the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. This is an important idea of the March of the Living event: to bring different generations together, interact, and realize that history connects everyone.

The March of the Living walked together for about 3.5 kilometers, and when they arrived at the former death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau, a commemoration ceremony took place. Placards were placed on the surviving train tracks with messages in different languages – why we are here, why we remember, why it is important, and what message we are sending to the world by our presence.





Photo from the museum of Treblinka

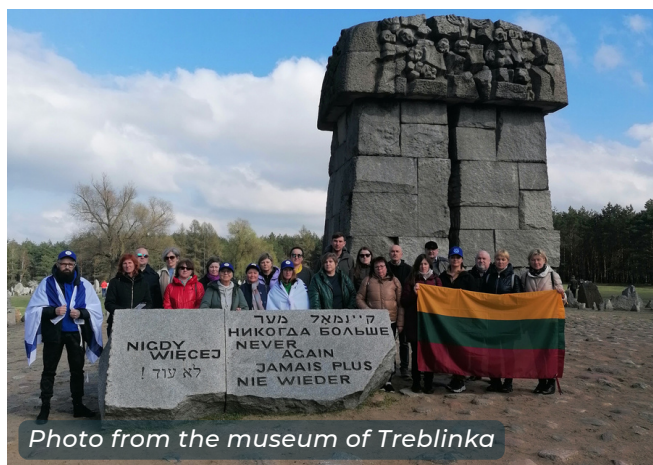


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The international event commemorating the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the heroic struggle against Nazism is held annually on Yom HaShoah - the Day of the Victims of the Holocaust and the Heroic Resistance to Nazism. The day is observed in Israel and other countries with Jewish communities. The 2023 March of the Living event attracted around 10,000 participants from 52 countries worldwide.

Lithuanian participants visited Treblinka, a former Nazi concentration and death camp near Warsaw, on their way to an event at the Auschwitz Museum.

Lithuania was represented by education specialists from different towns and institutions. The Lithuanian participants were invited by the Secretariat of the International Commission, which has been cooperating with the European March of Life organization EMOTL since 2018. It has been organizing March of the Living for 35 years.

For more information about the March of the Living, please visit the International Commission's website: <https://www.komisija.lt/en/representatives-from-lithuania-at-the-35th-march-of-the-living/>.



The "Yellow Daffodil" initiative, in memory of the heroic Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

For several years now, the POLIN Museum in Warsaw has been organizing the "Yellow Daffodil" initiative, which commemorates the uprising of the Warsaw Ghetto that started in 1943. This initiative aims to celebrate the heroic struggle of the people against evil and their will to survive. The yellow daffodil was chosen to represent one of the Warsaw Ghetto fighters, Marek Edelman, who survived. After the war, he stayed in Poland, studied medicine, and became a cardiologist. Every year, on 19 April, when the Warsaw Ghetto uprising started, someone would bring yellow daffodils to his house. It continued until Marek Edelman's death.



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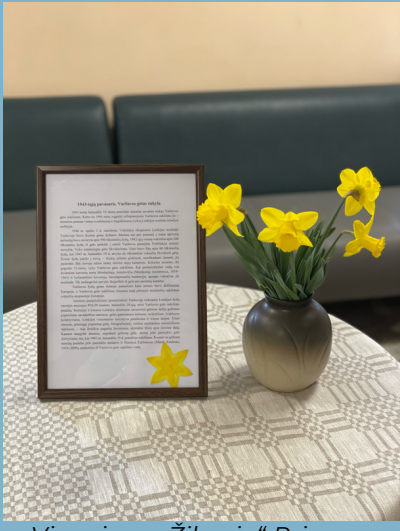
This year it marked the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. The Polish Museum POLIN shared information about the “Yellow Daffodil” Initiative and invited other countries to join. In Lithuania, 17 institutions (15 schools and 2 museums) joined the initiative after sharing information with the Tolerance Education Centres and partners from other educational institutions. The POLIN Museum sent yellow paper daffodils to Lithuanian academic communities, which were used in the events held on 19 April, which not only talked about the Warsaw Ghetto uprising but also about the battle of good versus evil, about people's efforts to resist the aggressor, and about the lessons of history that humanity has not yet learned.



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Although the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, which began on 19 April 1943, lasted for about one month and was ruthlessly suppressed by the Nazis, it became a symbol of resistance to the enemy, preserving dignity for Poles and Jews all over the world. In Israel and other countries with Jewish communities, the day of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising is observed as Yom HaShoah or the Day of Heroic Resistance to Nazism and Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust.

We are pleased to present some of the highlights of the “Yellow Daffodil” initiative in Lithuanian educational institutions: <https://www.komisija.lt/en/the-yellow-daffodil-initiative-in-memory-of-the-heroic-warsaw-ghetto-uprising/>.



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