



July is the month of anniversaries of tragic anti-Jewish pogroms in Kielce and Jedwabne. POLIN Museum wishes to commemorate the victims of these pogroms. Our website www.polin.pl will feature commemorative historical essays, memory-diaries and links to essential source information devoted to the tragic events. We would also like to invite you to debates and meetings (details in the program).

70th Anniversary of the Kielce Pogrom

On 4 July 1946 in Kielce – a year and a half after the liberation – an anti-Jewish pogrom took place. Its immediate trigger was gossip spread about an alleged kidnap of an 8-year-old boy and imprisoning him by Jews in the basement of a house at 7/9 Planty Street. This was yet another false accusation of an attempted ritual murder. In the morning, people started gathering in front of the building in which over 200 persons were present (it housed i.a. District and Municipal Committee of Polish Jews). While the house was searched by soldiers and policemen, sounds of shooting could be heard and the enraged mob attacked the Jews who were being led out of the building, killing and injuring them. The second stage of the pogrom began when a several-hundred strong group of labourers from the “Ludwików” steelworks arrived. Some of them joined in the murderous attack on the Jews. Circa 3 p.m. the army dispersed the crowd. 37 Jews and 3 Poles lost their lives on Planty Street that day. Regina Fiszel with her baby were also killed elsewhere in the town. The injured were evacuated from Kielce for fear of further attacks.

The Kielce pogrom was the most blatant example of anti-Jewish aggression in post-war Poland. In its aftermath, Jewish populace all over Poland felt threatened which resulted in mass emigration.

75th Anniversary of the Jedwabne Pogrom

On 10 July 1941 in Jedwabne an anti-Jewish pogrom took place. It happened over a dozen days after the Soviet Army had been driven out and the German Army had occupied the town. At approximately 10 a.m. Poles who resided in Jedwabne and the neighbouring towns began to herd local Jews towards the market square. While there, the Jews were beaten and humiliated; some were killed on the spot. Next, the perpetrators selected several dozen Jews, including Rabbi Avigdor Bialostocki, and forced them to demolish Lenin’s statue located on Dworna Street. They then led the group out of town, murdered everyone and buried them together with Lenin’s bust in a previously dug up ditch. Several hundred Jews who remained at the market square were forced into a barn which was sprayed with kerosene and set on fire. The massacre was committed by several dozen residents of Jedwabne and the vicinity; many more witnessed the events. Armed Germans were also present in the town. In all likelihood they instigated the crime – in line with Heydrich’s directive to encourage local populace of the newly-occupied regions to attack Jews – but they did not actively participate in the pogrom.

The mass murder in Jedwabne was part of a wave of pogroms which swept through the former Soviet occupation zone in the summer of 1941 – from the Baltic States, through eastern Poland, all the way down to Romania.

MUSEUM OPENING HOURS:

Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays: 10 AM – 6 PM
Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays: 10 AM – 8 PM

Last entry for visitors to the core exhibition: 2 hrs before closing time
Tuesdays: closed

Core exhibition admission:

Regular PLN 25
Reduced PLN 15
Free admission on Thursdays

Guided tours

A Thousand Year Journey – guided tour of the core exhibition

Saturdays: 11 AM and 5 PM (Polish), 3 PM (English)
Sundays: 11 AM and 3:30 PM (Polish), 3 PM (English)
Mondays: 1 PM (English), Wednesdays: 6 PM (Polish)
Tickets: PLN 35, reduced – PLN 25

We also offer group tickets and guided tours or audio guides.

The complete offer is available at www.polin.pl or at the museum’s ticket office.

Visit the **Resource Center** whose collection includes a wealth of resources on history, genealogy and local community heritage. The Center also offers workshops and specialist consultations. Open daily except Tuesdays, 10 AM – 6 PM

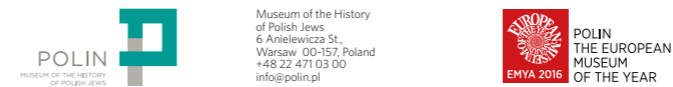
We also invite you to take advantage of our free educational offer!

Booking and online ticket purchases: www.bilety.polin.pl

Telephone information and ticket reservations: +48 22 471 03 01
(Monday to Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM,
Saturday and Sunday, 10 AM – 2.30 PM)
Group ticket reservations: + 48 22 471 03 01
(Monday to Friday, 9 AM – 17 PM)

Unless stated otherwise, all events are held at the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews at 6 Anielewiczka Street.

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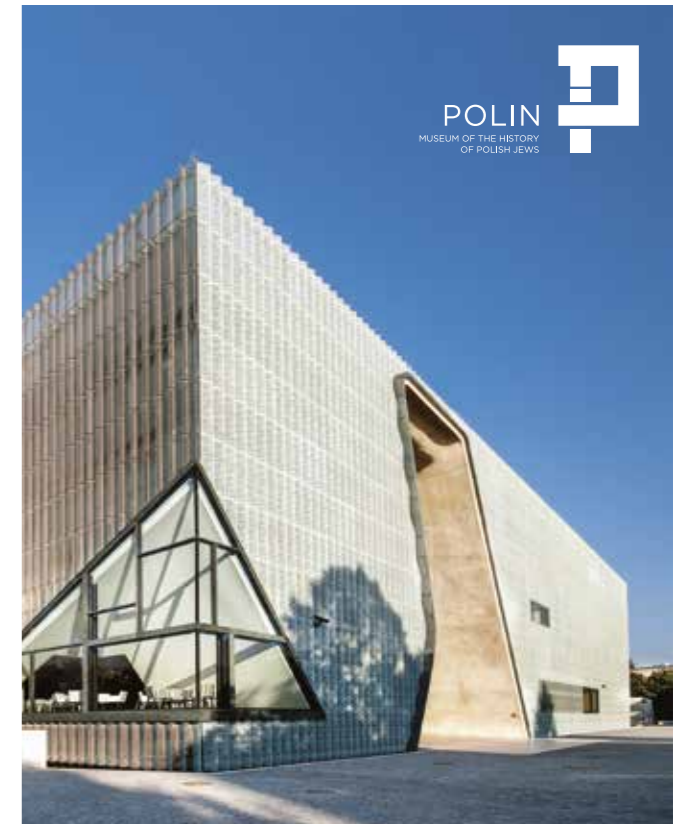


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CORE EXHIBITION

A Thousand-year History of Polish Jews

POLIN Museum's core exhibition is a journey through the 1000-year history of Polish Jews, from the Middle Ages until today. Discover how Jews first arrived in Polish lands, why they stayed, and how Poland became home to one of the largest Jewish communities in the world, how it ceased to be one and how Jewish life is being revived here today. The exhibition features objects, paintings, interactive installations, models, and multimedia. Among other things, you will encounter a 13th-century coin minted by Jews in Poland, books printed 400 years ago by Jewish printers, as well as a breathtaking replica of a wooden synagogue roof and a unique multimedia street in interwar Poland.

Open daily except Tuesdays

Tickets: PLN 25, concessions PLN 15, free admission on Thursdays



ACCOMPANYING EVENTS

1000 Year Tour of the core exhibition – guided tour

Saturdays: 11 AM and 5 PM (Polish), 3 PM (English)

Sundays: 11 AM and 3:30 PM (Polish), 3 PM (English)

Mondays: 1 PM (English), Wednesdays: 6 PM (Polish)

Tickets: PLN 35, reduced – PLN 25

TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS

Museum on Wheels at the World Youth Days in Warsaw

A unique chance to see the POLIN Museum's travelling exhibition in Warsaw. The Museum on Wheels, an interactive exhibition in a portable pavilion, has been visiting smaller towns and selected festivals in Poland since 2014. It provides basic information about the culture and history of Polish Jews, and it supports leaders and activists engaged in the protection of local Jewish heritage. Next year, the exhibition will visit an additional 24 towns.

July 21–24, 10 AM to 8 PM, Krakowskie Przedmieście Street by the Adam Mickiewicz monument. Free admission

ANNIVERSARIES OF POGROMS

During and after World War II, in a few dozen Polish towns, anti-Jewish riots on a massive scale took place. July 2016 marks the 75th anniversary of the Jedwabne pogrom and the 70th anniversary of the Kielce pogrom. We would like to commemorate these tragic events and their victims. Special commemorative historical materials, remembrance calendars and links to important source texts pertaining to pogroms will be published on the Museum website. We would also like to invite you to attend our discussions and meetings.

The Kielce pogrom – a provocation or an outburst of hatred? – discussion and film screening

The film *Witnesses* (1986) will serve as an introduction to the debate on the Kielce pogrom. Film director Marcel Łoziński and historians: Dr Krzysztof Persak from the Institute of National Remembrance and Dr Marcin Zaremba from the Warsaw University will tell us what we knew about the pogrom 20 years ago and what we know today. We will also discuss the sources of the post-war outbreak of mass violence against Jews and how Polish society is dealing with this difficult legacy. The discussion will be moderated by Dr. Jolanta Zyndul, from POLIN Museum.

July 4, 6 PM, free admission

70 years after the Kielce pogrom – meeting with Maja Wolny as part of the POLIN Reading Room series

The author of *Czarna liście* will discuss the novel's themes: the Kielce pogrom, today's Kielce inhabitants relation to these traumatic events and the life story of Julia Pirotte, who documented the pogrom in photographs. The moderator of the meeting, Marcin Kącki of *Gazeta Wyborcza*, will ask Maja Wolny about her personal experience of living in Kielce, the reasons which led her to write the book and the connection between her and the book's protagonist.

July 7, 6 PM, free admission

WORKSHOPS

Summer School of History – summer course

A series of workshops for those interested in discovering their own past. During four meetings, using the collection of POLIN Museum's interviews, the participants will expand their knowledge about the methodology of oral history, and subsequently will themselves conduct interviews with witnesses to history. During the last meeting, the participants will share the information they've collected with experts and analyze it based on transcripts and recordings of AV materials. They will also learn about how oral history projects are carried out in other cultural institutions in Poland and abroad.

July 23 and 30, August 6, 10 AM – 2 PM; August 27, 10 AM – 4 PM, reservations required. We kindly request that reservations be made by persons who are able to participate in the entire series of workshops.

THEMED WALKS

Memory – themed walk around Muranów

During a themed walk around the former Jewish Quarter we will search for the rare traces of its existence; we will also visit sites commemorating the Ghetto and learn about a unique concept of the Southern Muranów housing estate, built from and on the Ghetto's rubble. How is Muranów different from other European districts in which Jews used to live and how could it change in the future?

July 23 and 24, 4 PM, meeting place: 21/23 Krakowskie Przedmieście Street (Kultura movie theater), free admission, reservations required. Guided tour in English.

MEETINGS

March of Remembrance

The fifth March commemorating the 74th anniversary of the liquidation of the Warsaw Ghetto. During this year's edition of the March, we want to honor the doctors and medical personnel who provided help to those in need in the Ghetto. The March will end by the former Bersohn and Bauman Children's Hospital, where actors will read out the testimonies of doctors from the Warsaw Ghetto. The March is organized by the E. Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute.

July 22, 5 PM, free admission, meeting place:

Umschlagplatz Monument, at the corner of Stawki and Dzika Street

Finissage of an artistic residence

Meeting with Yael Vishnizki Levi (Israel/Poland), artist-in-residence, which will sum up her three-week long creative stay in Warsaw (11–31 July), and will provide an opportunity to learn about her creative undertakings and the project carried out at POLIN Museum. The project's starting point is the artist's family story – she has recently come across traces of that history in the state archives.

July 29, 6 PM, free admission. The meeting will be held in English, with Polish translation

After the War – concluding meeting of Polin Meeting Point

Along with the participants of the two-week long "Polin Meeting Point" summer school – students from Poland, Germany and Israel – we will analyze the experience of working in a group whose members represent three different nationalities. We will also discuss how we should approach past events which involve various nations. The meeting's main topic will be the post-war period: a time of shaping new identities in Poland and Germany, and of establishing Israel's statehood.

July 31, 4 PM, free admission. The meeting will be held in English, with Polish translation

FILMS

The Kielce pogrom – a provocation or an outburst of hatred? – discussion and film screening

Description in the "Anniversaries of Pogroms" section

July 4, 6 PM, free admission

On refugees: media, images, ideas – discussion and film premiere

You are invited to the premiere of a film the making of which was the highlight of a series of workshops taking place over the course of a few weeks. Their participants learned about the situation of refugees, analysed the fear of Europeans towards "strangers", its sources and consequences. The film screening will be accompanied by a debate with: Dawid Sypniewski, a film-maker and anti-discrimination coach, and Khava Soldaeva, a refugee from Chechnya, the Culture Practitioners Association activist.

July 6, 6 PM, free admission

KING MATT'S FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER

A vibrant space for children aged 4–9 and their carers, open daily except Tuesdays. It allows children to discover the world of Jewish culture, tradition and history. In the center, you can draw, play and read books from Matt's library or play music. Children can also participate in workshops and activities prepared by experienced educators, which develop skills such as the ability to cooperate and have meaningful conversations. The center is also designed to promote creativity in both children and their carers.

For a detailed program, ticket prices and reservations, visit: polin.pl/ukrolamacusia.

THE MENORA INFOPOINT

Join us at the POLIN Museum's brand new meeting space at 2 Grzybowskiego Square, the heart of Jewish Warsaw. Once home to the legendary Jewish Menorah restaurant, Menora is now the home to an information point about the surrounding area of Jewish Warsaw. Stop by Menora to sign up for a tour of the city, to get information on Jewish and cultural events in the surrounding area, to take a peek at a map of pre-war Warsaw, and to see how our capital has evolved. Additionally, Menora is free of charge and open to groups and non-governmental organizations looking for a meeting spot or workshop space to address topics such as human rights, education, anti-discrimination

Menora's ground floor accommodates the delicious Charlotte bistro, which offers modern Polish and Jewish drinks, breads, pastries, and meals.

The information point is open from Monday to Friday, 10 AM–5 PM.

JOIN THE CLUB OF POLIN MUSEUM'S FRIENDS!

Members of our club are entitled to free admission to our core and temporary exhibitions, and, depending on the membership plan selected, to invitations to special events, discounts at our restaurant and museum store as well as reduced admission fees to selected museum events and educational workshops.

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Details available at: www.polin.pl/klub-przyjaciol-muzeum

1000-YEAR HISTORY OF POLISH JEWS – core exhibition

tickets: PLN 25, reduced – PLN 15

The exhibition is open on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays: 10 AM – 6 PM;

Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays: 10 AM – 8 PM.

Free admission on Thursdays, closed on Tuesdays.

MUSEUM ON WHEELS – temporary exhibition

The exhibition will be open between 21 and 24 July, 10 AM – 8 PM, Krakowskie Przedmieście Street by the Adam Mickiewicz monument;

Free admission

JULY

04	6 PM	Kielce pogrom – a provocation or an outburst of hatred? – discussion/ film screening (F)
06	6 PM	On refugees: media, images, ideas – discussion and film premiere (F)
07	6 PM	70 years after the Kielce pogrom – meeting with Maja Wolny as part of the POLIN Reading Room series (F)
22	5 PM	Remembrance March (F)
23	10 AM–2 PM	Summer School of History – summer course, first meeting (F, R)
	4 PM	Memory – themed walk around Muranów (F, R, E)
24	4 PM	Memory – themed walk around Muranów (F, R, E)
29	6 PM	Finissage of an artistic residence (F, E)
30	10 AM–2 PM	Summer School of History – summer course, second meeting (F, R)
31	4 PM	After the War – concluding meeting of Polin Meeting Point (F, E)

Legend: (F) free admission; (R) reservations required; (E) in English