

Lwów
לעמבערג
Львів
Lemberg

Місто, яке (не) пережило
Miasto, które (nie) przeżyło
די שטאָט, וואָס האָט (נישט) איבערגעלעבט
The City that did (not) Survive

1943

In Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Liquidation of the Ghetto and the Janowska Concentration Camp in Lviv
March – December 2018

I closed my eyes, so as not to see the deaths of my brethren the sons of my city... How they are tortured by their tormentors and how they are killed in evil and cruel deaths... And so I closed my eyes and called upon the city to stand before me, my city and all its inhabitants and all its synagogues. ... One by one the people of my city began to vanish. And I did not chase after them, since I know that one's thoughts cannot reach where they are going.

Shmuel Yosef Agnon
Nobel Prize Laureate Writer in 1966

Shmuel Yosef Agnon had every right to claim as his own many cities, with Lviv among them. He wrote these lines thirty years after Jewish Lviv, his Lviv in fact, turned into ashes in the flames of the Holocaust. One third of the city's population was murdered on the shooting grounds of Lysynychi forest, in the gas chambers of Betžec, or in the barracks of Janowska. The survivors – both Jews and their non-Jewish neighbors – were fated to long attend to their wounds, to hide their experience from others and themselves, to speak in the language of curses and gratitude. At the same time, the cityscape was changing, with the traces of life and death of the Jewish community slowly disappearing, with the renamed streets, squares, and buildings falling into ruin, affected by the metastasis of extreme violence. How could one not shudder at the word "Janowska"? This is not merely the name of a street but also a camp for forced labor, with conditions that former inmates compared to the death camps. The consignment to oblivion is also part of the Holocaust in Lviv. Preserving the memory of those whom perpetrators tried to erase from the city's history forever is not only a resistance to hatred, but also a moral challenge for present-day residents.

In 2018, a number of institutions have joined together to present varied memorial activities focusing on the traumatic topic of the Holocaust of the Lviv Jewish community. They have proposed a series of academic, artistic, and commemorative lenses in order to take a closer look at the (un)survived city.

MARCH

06.03.2018

18:30

Center for Urban History

A lecture by Dr. Waitman Beorn: "Between the Wires: The Janowska Camp at the Center of the Holocaust in Galicia"

APRIL

24.04.2018

18:00

"Territory of Terror" Museum

An evening of poetry with Marianna Kiyanovska, author of "Babiy Yar"

19-20.04.2018

Lviv University, Department of Culture and the Arts

Conference: "Jewish Culture in Ukraine: Crafts and Theatre"

11-25.04.2018

Center for Urban History

A seminar course by Professor Rachel Stevens: "Critiquing Memorials in the U.S. and Europe: Opportunities for Ukraine"

MAY

24.05.- 2.09.2018

Center for Urban History

Exhibition: "A Key to the City: Three Ways of Visualizing Jewish Heritage in Lviv"

Tenth International Festival of Jewish Music "LvivKlezFest 2018"

20.05.2018

11:00

Hnatiuk Str., 1 (starting point)

A city walk of "Krakowskie Przedmiescie: 1890-1946"

27.05.2018

11:00

Lviv Theatre of Opera and Ballet (starting point)

A city walk "Krakowskie Przedmiescie: 1900-1943"

15.05. – 10.06.2018

14:00

Lviv Historical Museum

Exhibition: "The Jews – A People of the Book"

28.05.2018

18:00

First Ukrainian Theater for Children and Youth

A performance of the play "Ghetto"

09.06.2018

14:00

The Space of Synagogues

Concert-oration performed by Aleksey Rosov, "Varnitshkes" ensemble, "Sheine-Meidelah", Lviv Organ Hall Quartet

JUNE

12.06.2018

18:00

"Territory of Terror" Museum

Premiere of the documentary film "De-fac-to" and public discussion: "How Societies Remember? Representations and Commemorative Rituals of WWII in Lviv"

06-11.2018

Locations: Rynok Sq., Markiyon Shashkevych Sq., St. Teodor Sq., Svobody Ave., Chornovil Ave., Vitovsky, Hrabovsky, Universytetska, Shevska, Staroyevreyska, Shevchenka/Tatarbunarska Streets

Street Exhibition: "Lviv, Lwów, לעמבערג, Lemberg'43: City of (no) Remembrance"

JULY

02.07.2018

16:00

"Territory of Terror" Museum

Round table: "Memory and Commemorative Practices in Urban Public Space"

01-03.07.2018

"Territory of Terror" Museum, Center for Urban History

"Memory Spaces": Workshop with Israeli Friends of Ukraine

AUGUST

08 – 09.2018

"Territory of Terror" Museum

Exhibition: "The Holocaust in Lviv: 1941-1944"

TO BE CONTINUED IN SEPTEMBER

Location Addresses:

"Territory of Terror" Memorial Museum of Totalitarian Regimes - Chornovil Ave., 45h

Center for Urban History of East Central Europe – Bohomoltzia Str., 6

Space of Synagogues - Staroyevreyska Str., 37

Lviv Organ Hall – Stepan Bandera Str., 8

First Ukrainian Theater for Children and Youth – Hnatiuk Str., 11

Lviv Historical Museum – Rynok Sq., 6

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