



The Kielce History Museum

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The exhibition: „Kielce-Keltz. History of the Jewish community”

The Kielce History Museum is preparing an exhibition „Kielce-Keltz. History of the Jewish community”. The opening is scheduled for August 19th, 2022. The exhibition will be open until the end of March 2023.

The main goal of the project is to show the 80 years of the history of Jews living in Kielce, from the 1860s to the liquidation of the ghetto in August 1942. The project will focus on describing and showcasing the everyday life of our now absent Jewish neighbors. We want to honor the memory of the Jewish Community, who used to account for more than 1/3 of the city's population and had a huge positive impact on Kielce's development. The exhibition will also aim to explain the internal relations of the inhabitants of Kielce in the aforementioned period. The epilogue of the exhibition will be an attempt to present the situation of Jewish survivors in Kielce after 1945 (to the pogrom in 1946).

We are currently collecting materials that will be presented during the exhibition. We are looking for any historical artifacts related to the Jewish community of Kielce. First of all, photographs taken in Kielce before 1939, as well as the ones documenting the tragic reality of the Kielce ghetto and the new Poland after World War II.

We are particularly interested in photographs depicting the everyday life of the Jewish community in Kielce before 1939. Photographs that showcase the political, economic, religious, and cultural activities of the Jewish community, as well as family photos are also welcome. Pictures can be shared in the form of digital scans. We will be grateful if the photos are described and dated as precisely as possible. Each person identified on them will be important to us.

Memories in the form of journals, diaries, or passed reports, showing Kielce from the point of view of the Jewish community and relations between Jews and Poles until 1946, would also be valuable for us. We are interested in both the memory of peaceful coexistence and the conflict situations. Selected texts could be recorded by us in the Polish language and presented at the exhibition, as well as published in the scientific yearbook of the Kielce History Museum or other publications accompanying the exhibition.

The exhibition will also be supplemented by documents illustrating the activity of Jewish associations, organizations, and institutions of the religious community.

Scans of photos and other artifacts, as well as any questions related to the exhibition, can be directed to Paweł Wolańczyk from the Museum (wolanczyk@mhki.kielce.eu).

We will be truly grateful for every contact and willingness to cooperate. We appreciate your time and look forward to honoring the memories of Kielce's Jewish community. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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