



Dear Colleagues,

We, teachers unions from Israel (ITU), Germany (GEW and VBE) and Poland (ZNP) would like to invite you to participate in the commemoration of the **76th Anniversary of the Liberation of German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp Auschwitz on 27 January 2021**.

The main theme of the 76th anniversary of the liberation will be the **Fate of Children in Auschwitz**.

*'Over 200,000 children were murdered in Auschwitz. Completely innocent, good, curious about life, loving their closest ones, trusting children. The adult world - after all, so often unjust and cruel - has never demonstrated so much of its heartlessness, its evil. This cannot be justified by any ideology, reckoning or politics. This year we want to dedicate the anniversary of liberation to the youngest victims of the camp,'* said Dr. Piotr M. A. Cywiński, the director of the Museum.

It is estimated, basing on the approximate data, that at least 232,000 children and young people were deported to Auschwitz, of whom 216,000 were Jews, 11,000 Roma, about 3,000 Poles, more than 1,000 Belarusians, and several hundred Russians, Ukrainians, and others. A total of about 23,000 children and young people were registered in the camp. Slightly more than 700 were liberated on the territory of Auschwitz in January 1945. <http://auschwitz.org/en/home-page-76/>

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the commemoration will exceptionally not be held at the Memorial, but in the virtual space.



Due to the importance of the subject of this year's celebration, our trade unions decided to organize an e-seminar **A CHILD WITNESS OF HISTORY**. Immediately after the end of the seminar, we will connect to the broadcast of the celebration of Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum. During the seminar and during the ceremony broadcast from KL Auschwitz-Birkenau, we provide translation in English, Hebrew and German.

Please find below the program of the e-seminar and the link to register for the seminar, which will be active 30 minutes before the start of the e-seminar.

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86419499745?pwd=UVpRSkxPZzJkajFmcVZGQ0hzU0wrUT09>

**Webinar ID: 864 1949 9745**

**Passcode: 762021**



## A CHILD WITNESS OF HISTORY

12.30-13.00	Register on the platform. Clarifying organizational and technical issues
13.00-13.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcoming the participants by <b>Sławomir Broniarz</b>, ZNP-president and Dr. <b>Ernst Hillebrand</b>, director of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Poland (5 min.)</li><li>• Speeches by representatives of teachers' unions co-organizing the seminar: ITU, GEW, VBE seminar (a 5 min.)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Mrs. <b>Yaffa Ben David</b>, ITU-General Secretary</li><li>– Mrs. <b>Marlis Tepe</b>, GEW-president</li><li>– Mr. <b>Udo Beckmann</b>, VBE-president</li></ul></li><li>• Presentation of the message for the 76th anniversary of the liberation of the camp and the program of the ceremony by <b>Andrzej Kacorzyk</b>, deputy director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum, director of the International Centre for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust (10 min.)</li></ul>
13.30-14.45	<p>Experts' presentations (a 20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><i>A Childhood taken away. The Fate of children deported to KL Auschwitz</i></b> by Mrs. <b>Jadwiga Pinderska-Lech</b>, Head of Publications Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Oświęcim</li><li>• <b><i>A Child as a witness of history. The social context of the childhood experience of the camp trauma</i></b> by Dr. <b>Wanda Witek-Malicka</b>, Research Centre of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum</li><li>• <b><i>Anne Frank in the Digital Age: Holocaust Education and Remembrance Culture in the Context of Schools</i></b> by Dr. <b>Meron Mendel</b>, Director Anne Frank Educational Center in Frankfurt</li></ul> <p>Questions and answers round (15 minutes)</p>
14.45-15.45	<p>Lessons from teaching and learning best practices. Presentations of the experiences, of teachers from Israel, Germany and Poland (20 minutes for each country)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><i>The Butterfly Project</i></b> by Mrs. <b>Moriya Zaguri</b>, teacher, chairman of Kiryat Gat branch, ITU</li><li>• <b><i>Disenfranchisement and Exclusion of the Jews using the Example of Dresden Schoolchildren</i></b> by Mr. <b>Rene Michel</b>, VBE</li><li>• <b><i>Creating a bridge for connection between learning communities from Israel and Poland</i></b> by Mrs. <b>Edna David</b>, School Principal, Deputy General Secretary and chairman of Haifa and district branch, ITU</li><li>• <b><i>Experiences with the theater-pedagogical material case 'Children about the Holocaust'</i></b>, by Mrs. <b>Martina Ruppert-Kelly</b>, Educational Director, Osthofen Concentration Camp Memorial/Center for Political Education Rhineland-Palatinate</li><li>• <b><i>How to teach children and youth about the Holocaust. Opportunities and challenges on example of educational projects</i></b> – Dr. <b>Marzanna Pogrzelska</b>, University of Opole, ZNP</li></ul>



16.00-18.00  
CET (UTC+1)

## 76th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF GERMAN NAZI CONCENTRATION AND EXTERMINATION CAMP AUSCHWITZ

Participation in the broadcast of the celebrations at the Auschwitz Museum, which will be available at [www.auschwitz.org](http://www.auschwitz.org).

Schedule of events:

- ***Messages of Survivors***
- ***Official addresses***
- ***Word of thanks of the director of the Auschwitz Memorial***
- ***Prayers***

Around 17.00

***The influence of war and the Holocaust on the formation of a child's identity –***  
online debate.

Detailed information about the schedule will be provided at a later date. <http://auschwitz.org/en/schedule-of-events-76/>

**The online broadcast will begin on 27 January 2021 at 16.00 and will be available at [www.auschwitz.org](http://www.auschwitz.org) and [76.auschwitz.org](http://76.auschwitz.org) as well as on the Memorial Youtube, Facebook and Twitter.**