

# OFFER

**GALICIA**   
JEWISH MUSEUM

The Visitor Services Team has prepared a comprehensive group offer for our clients, tailored to the needs of various groups and audiences.

Our services include:

- Professional exhibition tours
- Meetings with Witnesses to History
- Educational, artistic, and dance workshops
- Museum lectures and lessons
- Tours of the city and local shtetls
- Organization of visits to the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
- Rental of conference and training rooms
- Catering services
- Restaurant reservations
- Organization of transfers and accommodations.

We provide full organizational support, a personalized approach for each group, and a program tailored to the expectations of participants.



# PERMANENT EXHIBITIONS

Our permanent exhibitions are a space for encounters with history and memory. Carefully curated displays enable visitors to learn about the significant events, people, and places of the past. Thanks to modern presentation methods and a rich collection of exhibits, visitors can fully immerse themselves in the story.



# TRACES OF MEMORY: A CONTEMPORARY LOOK AT THE JEWISH PAST IN POLAND

- Maximum group size per guide: 35
- Entry of a new group every 20 minutes





The "Traces of Memory" exhibition was created through a collaboration between Professor Jonathan Webber and photographer Chris Schwarz. Since the late 1980s, Webber has been documenting traces of Jewish heritage in southern Poland. Schwarz's photographs of these traces formed the basis of the exhibition, which opened in 2004. Its aim was to present a contemporary image of places connected with the Jewish past – synagogues, cemeteries, and memorial spaces.

The exhibition presented these places in an innovative manner, as part of a contemporary landscape and multithreaded narrative divided into five thematic sections. It emphasized both the void left by the destroyed Jewish communities of southern Poland and the activities of those engaged in restoring their memory.

In 2012, photographer Jason Francisco joined the project and work began on updating the exhibition. He documented the changes that had taken place in the same locations photographed by Schwarz, over 20 years later. His work has been incorporated into the exhibition, providing a unique perspective on the recent transformations that have occurred in Poland.

The updated exhibition showcases not only the history of destruction but also the process of rebirth of Jewish heritage. By combining old and contemporary photographs, "Traces of Memory" remains a living testimony to the past and a reflection on the future.

# 10 POLISH CITIES - 10 JEWISH STORIES

- Maximum group size per guide: 30
- Entry of a new group every 45 minutes





The exhibition presents the stories of ten Polish Jews, based on their accounts, family photographs, and documents. The subjects were born in the first decades of the 20th century and grew up in interwar Poland. They represent the diversity of Jewish communities at the time.

Their worlds were shattered by World War II. Although they managed to survive – in ghettos, camps, in hiding, or in exile – after the war, they had to rebuild their lives in Poland, Israel, the United States, and the former USSR. Each of these stories reveals a different experience and a different path to survival.

Personal memories intertwine with the histories of the ten different cities (now located in Poland and Ukraine) from which these figures came. The exhibition was created in collaboration with the Centropa organization. It is based on authentic excerpts from interviews with witnesses to history. The exhibition is available in Polish and English.

# **AN UNFINISHED MEMORY. JEWISH HERITAGE AND THE HOLOCAUST IN EASTERN GALICIA**

- Maximum group size per guide: 20
- Entry of a new group every 30 minutes



The "An Unfinished Memory" exhibition, created and curated by Jason Francisco, is an important complement to the main exhibition at the Galicia Jewish Museum, "Traces of Memory." Its aim is to broaden the perspective on Jewish heritage to include the area of former Eastern Galicia, now located in Ukraine.

Through photographs and descriptions, the exhibition encourages reflection on the enduring presence of Jewish memory in this region and the impact of the Holocaust on the contemporary social landscape. The exhibition also addresses the challenges associated with preserving and commemorating Jewish heritage.



# KEF MEANS FUN!

- Maximum group size per guide: 15
- Entry of a new group every 40 minutes





KEF can also be described as a Land of Education and Fantasy. In this space, visitors can simultaneously learn, have fun, and unleash their creativity. The new permanent exhibition, "KEF is Fun!," was created with the youngest visitors to the Galicia Jewish Museum in mind, as a space to discover the richness and diversity of Jewish culture.

Through illustrations and interactive elements, the exhibition allows visitors to learn basic concepts related to Judaism, Jewish traditions, Jewish history, and above all, the contemporary life of Jewish communities in Poland, particularly in Krakow.

# TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS

We regularly present temporary exhibitions that, in an attractive and accessible way, present topics related to history, memory, and cultural heritage. Each one provides a unique opportunity for deeper knowledge and reflection.



# HENRYK REISS

## MUST CEASE TO EXIST

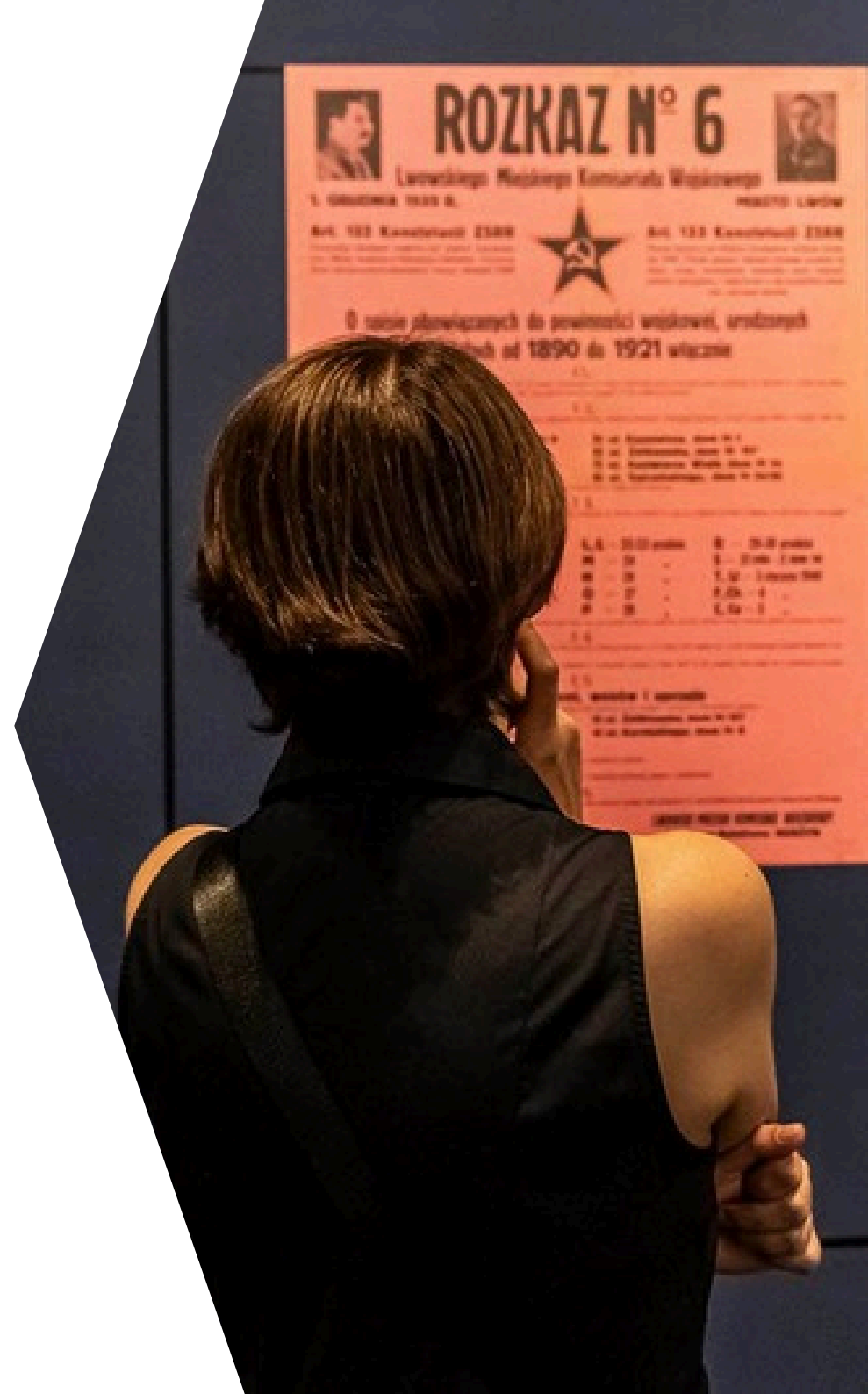
- Maximum group size per guide: 20
- Entry of a new group every 20 minutes



The exhibition "Henryk Reiss Must Cease to Exist" presents the fate of the Jewish Reiss family, who hid their identity during World War II to save their lives. In 1942, Henryk, Łucja, and their daughter Elżunia obtained false documents – the so-called "Aryan papers" – and managed to survive the Holocaust under an assumed name.

The exhibition is based on Henryk Reiss's memoirs and a unique collection of family documents, nearly 50 of which are on display. It reveals what "Aryan papers" were, how they were obtained, and the risks involved in assuming a false identity.

The Reiss' story takes them through many locations and dramatic events, revealing both the help offered by strangers and the hostility and anti-Semitism that they faced. It is a story of fear, courage, and the struggle for survival during the war, as well as of the difficult choices faced by survivors after the war.



# UNIMAGINABLE. THE VOID AFTER THE GREAT SYNAGOGUES

- Maximum group size per guide: 15
- Entry of a new group every 30 minutes

## Wielka Synagoga w Oświęcimiu

### The Great Synagogue in Oświęcim

Data zniszczenia | Date of destruction  
**29/30.11.1939**

Lata budowy | Years of construction  
**1863-1873**

Miejsce | Location  
**Oświęcim, ul. Berka Joselewicza  
(dawnej Żydowskiej)**  
Oświęcim, Berka Joselewicza Street  
(formerly Żydowska/Jewish Street)

W nocy z 29 na 30 listopada 1939, Niemcy spalili oświęcimską Wielką Synagogę. Jej ruiny zostały rozebrane w 1941 roku. Przy rozbiorce i porządkowaniu terenu pracowali więźniowie obozu Auschwitz.

Wielka Synagoga w Oświęcimiu powstała po podarze miasta, w miejscu starszej, drewnianej synagogi. Jej pierwotny wygląd nie jest znany, gdyż zachowane fotografie przedstawiają ją już po przebudowie dokonanej przez Karola Korna, Gustawa Bleicherta i Wiktora Bürda. Był to budynek na planie prostokąta. Salę modlitewną otaczały z trzech stron galerie dla kobiet z odrębnymi wejściami. W wystroju widoczne były elementy stylu neoromańskiego, neogotyckiego i mauretańskiego.



The exhibition presents the monumental synagogues built in the 19th and early 20th centuries in various architectural styles. It reveals the scale of destruction of pre-war monuments that fell victim to hatred and violence against the Jewish community. Most of these unique structures were not rebuilt after the war. The exhibition brings together examples from 13 cities across Poland. The exhibition is educational and commemorates this irretrievably lost heritage. It is available in Polish and English.

# MEETINGS WITH WITNESSES TO HISTORY





The Galicia Jewish Museum offers a unique opportunity to participate in meetings with Witnesses of History. These are direct conversations with people who experienced the events of the 20th century – pre-war life in Jewish communities, the Holocaust, and the difficult post-war years. Personal testimonies give history a human dimension and allow for a deeper understanding of its meaning.

The meetings are organized for school groups, students, and individual visitors. The museum provides interpreters in any language, enabling free conversation between the group and the Witness, regardless of language barriers. This allows participants to actively ask questions and fully participate in the dialogue.

This is an incredibly moving form of education, an important complement to visiting the museum's exhibitions and programs.

- Maximum group size: 65
- Meeting duration, from 1:00 to 2:00 hours (depending on the Witness)
- Translations into English, German, French, Italian, and Hebrew
- Accessible with your own interpreter

# CITY TOURS

The Galicia Jewish Museum organizes Krakow tours with experienced, licensed guides. Tours are available in Polish, English, French, German, and Ukrainian. They can be tailored to the needs of groups or individual guests. For other languages, please contact us.

Maximum group size: 35



# KRAKOW'S KAZIMIERZ

2-4h

A walk through the former Jewish district, exploring the history, religion, and culture of the Jewish community from the Middle Ages to the present day. The walk may include visits to selected synagogues and Jewish cemeteries.

# NOT ONLY KAZIMIERZ

3h

A walk through sites connected with the origins of Krakow's Jewish community: from the medieval Jewish district, to houses of prayer, to places connected with community life in the 19th and 20th centuries.





# PODGÓRZE - FORMER GHETTO

2h

A visit to the area where the Krakow ghetto operated from 1941 to 1943. The guide will discuss the ghetto's institutions, its structure, and, above all, the tragic fate of its inhabitants.

# THE AREA OF THE FORMER CAMP PLASZOW

2h

A visit to the site of the former KL Plaszow labor and concentration camp. The guide will discuss the camp's operation, the groups of prisoners and their fates, as well as the commemoration of this site.

# OLD TOWN

3h

A walk through the historic center of Krakow, taking in the most important monuments and recognizable sites.

# STUDY TOURS

In-depth tours of Jewish Krakow: We encourage you to combine the offered routes, depending on your group's needs and interests.



# VISITS TO THE AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU STATE MUSEUM AND THE OSHPITZIN MUSEUM, AND THE CHEVRA LOMDEI MISHNAYOT SYNAGOGUE IN OŚWIĘCIM

The Galicia Jewish Museum helps organize educational visits to the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum for organized groups and individual guests.

We provide comprehensive support in organizing your visit :

- Transportation from Krakow to Oświęcim and back
- Tour of the former German concentration and extermination camps: Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II-Birkenau with a qualified museum guide
- Visit to the center of Oświęcim, including the Oshpitzin Museum and other sites associated with the city's Jewish community (site of the Great Synagogue, Jewish cemetery)





# ROOM RENTALS AND CATERING

The Galicia Jewish Museum offers space rentals for various types of events, both cultural and business.

We provide professional organizational services and technical support. Thanks to our partnership with the Vistula Port restaurant, we also offer comprehensive catering services tailored to the nature and scale of the event.

Whether you're planning an intimate gathering or a large event for several hundred people, the Museum team will help you organize it to the highest standard.

## Event Organization:

- Banquets
- Business meetings
- Corporate events
- Meetings with authors
- Conferences and congresses
- Trainings
- Exhibition openings
- Concerts

## Additional Features:

- Professional, technical, and organizational support
- Flexible space arrangement
- Comprehensive catering services in collaboration with the Vistula Port restaurant
- Support in event planning and implementation

## Available Rooms:

- Main Hall (300m<sup>2</sup>)
- Education Room 1 (50m<sup>2</sup>)
- Education Room 2 (80m<sup>2</sup>)
- Conference Room (130m<sup>2</sup>)
- Koret Foundation Gallery and Garden



# MAIN HALL - 300 M2



# CONFERENCE ROOM - 130 M2



# EDUCATION ROOM 1 - 50M2



# KORET FOUNDATION GALLERY AND GARDEN



# EDUCATION ROOM - 80M2



# LAUDER-SZANCER CAFE

The Galicia Jewish Museum has long been known not only for its exceptional exhibitions and one of the best Jewish bookstores in Poland, but also for its excellent coffee. We are pleased to invite you to the Lauder-Szancer Café – a unique café in the heart of the Museum.

This is one of the few places in Krakow that offers kosher products. The menu includes coffee, tea, a wide selection of beverages, as well as sandwiches and snacks.

Visit us!



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