

Remembering Babyn Yar: The Final Journey of Kyiv's Jews and the Impact of the War in Ukraine

A Presentation by Dr. Martin Dean, Researcher for the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Center

Dr. Dean will examine the complex history of the Babyn Yar ravine, where more than 33,000 Jewish men, women, and children were shot by units of the German SS and Police in just two days. Incorporating new research and images from the 3-D model constructed by the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Center (BYHMC), the presentation will reconstruct the landscape as it existed on September 29-30, 1941, and describe the route taken by the Jews into the ravine. Using numerous witness testimonies and key photographic images, Dr. Dean will discuss reactions among Kyiv's Jews, acts of escape along the way, and the fate of Jewish property in the city. In view of Russia's recent invasion of Ukraine, Dr. Dean will also report briefly on the recent damage to memorial sites in Ukraine and give an update on the current activities of the BYHMC.



President Volodymyr Zelensky taking a look into one of the viewing stones installed at Babyn Yar in April 2021. These stones show views of Babyn Yar as it looked in 1941 shortly after the massacre, taken by the German propaganda photographer Johannes Haehle. With the aid of the research of Martin Dean and Maks Rokmaniko, the stones were installed at the precise locations where the photographs were taken.

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