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**LET MY
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EXCERPT FROM
YIZKOR MEMORIAL
PRAYER

MAY G-D REMEMBER ALL SOULS OF COMMUNITIES OF THE HOME OF ISRAEL EXILED IN EUROPE WHO WERE BURNED IN THE FLAMES OF SHOAH. SIX MILLION MEN AND WOMEN, GIRLS AND BOYS, THE ELDERLY AND BABIES WERE BRUTALLY MURDERED; MASSACRED RIGHT WHERE THEY LIVED – IN TOWNS, SHTETLS AND VILLAGES; DRIVEN LIKE SHEEP TO THE SLAUGHTER IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS; BRUTALLY AND TORTUOUSLY BURNED TO ASHES IN THE FURNACES OF TERRIBLE DEATH CAMPS IN GERMANY, POLAND AND OTHER COUNTRIES – BY THE HANDS



OF GERMAN EXECUTIONERS, THEIR ACCOMPLICES AND MURDERERS OF OTHER NATIONS WHO AGREED TO EXTERMINATE, ANNIHILATE AND ROOT OUT THE JEWISH PEOPLE, ERASE THE JEWISH MEMORY AND KILL ANYONE UNDER ISRAEL'S NAME.





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PEOPLE AT THE MEETING LIT CANDLES AND OBSERVED A MINUTE OF SILENCE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BABI YAR VICTIMS. THE ANTHEMS OF UKRAINE AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL WERE PLAYED. MANY PEOPLE WERE CRYING.



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MEDIA ABOUT
THE EVENT

BABI YAR IS NOT ONLY A CHALLENGE TO HUMANITY AND A GREAT TRAGEDY IN THE HISTORY OF THE 20TH CENTURY, BUT ALSO A WARNING FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS THAT INHUMANE POLICIES SOONER OR LATER RESULT IN PANDEMIC EVIL AND END IN CATASTROPHE.



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ГІМНАЗІЯ-ІНТЕРНАТ №299

גימנסיה היהודית
"צידת חיים" קייב



SEPTEMBER 28, 2006 ALONG THE DEATH WALK MOURNING PROCESSION TO THE MENORAH MONUMENT



A MOURNING PROCESSION CALLED “ALONG THE DEATH WALK” TOOK PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2006.

MOURNERS FOLLOWED THE WAY OF THOUSANDS OF KYIV’S JEWS IN SEPTEMBER 1941 ALONG MELNIKOV STREET TO THE MENORAH MONUMENT.

BEFORE THE MEETING, JEWISH SCHOOL STUDENTS READ THE NAMES OF THE VICTIMS.

AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS WERE OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS, PROMINENT POLITICIANS AND PUBLIC LEADERS, WWII VETERANS, YOUNG PEOPLE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN KYIV AND THE WHOLE WORLD.

WE ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY, IN KYIV, THE CAPITAL OF UKRAINE, COMMEMORATING SIXTY-FIVE YEARS SINCE THE TRAGEDY OF BABI YAR, TO PLEDGE OUR COMMITMENT TO FURTHER EDUCATION ABOUT THE TRAGEDY AND REMEMBRANCE THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENT, AND TO FIGHT ALL FORMS OF ANTI-SEMITISM, XENOPHOBIA, RACISM AND INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM WHICH IS A NEW SERIOUS THREAT FOR THE MODERN WORLD.

UKRAINE SUFFERED SEVERE HARDSHIPS DURING WORLD WAR II. THE TRAGEDY OF BABI YAR IS ONE OF THE MOST DEVASTATING AMONG THEM. ITS LEGACY TO US IS THAT WE NEVER BE SILENT IN THE FACE OF THESE DANGEROUS PHENOMENA.

THE SILENT CRIES OF BABI YAR, THE REVERBERATING SILENCE OF THE WORLD AS THE MURDERS TOOK PLACE, CRY OUT TO US TODAY: "NEVER AGAIN." FOR THE SAKE OF OUR CHILDREN, NEVER TO BE SILENT; FOR THE SAKE OF OUR HUMANITY AND THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD, NEVER AGAIN TO TURN AWAY FROM THE CRIES.

AS THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM "LET MY PEOPLE LIVE!" IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAGEDY IN BABI YAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE, WE, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MANY NATIONS, TAKE A SACRED OATH OF ETERNAL COMMITMENT TO THE TRAGEDY'S REMEMBRANCE AND ITS LESSONS. WE SEEK PARTICULARLY TO REACH THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, SO THAT THEY WILL UPHOLD THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE.

WE WELCOME THE EFFORTS AIMED AT PRESERVING THE MEMORY OF MILLIONS OF INNOCENT VICTIMS OF WORLD WAR II, THE HOLOCAUST AND ITS LEGACY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

WE ARE PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF BERLIN TO HOLD THE WORLD HOLOCAUST FORUM ON NOVEMBER 9-10, 2008, IN BERLIN, TO MARK 70 YEARS SINCE *DIE KRISTALLNACHT*.

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MR. DMYTRO PAVLYCHKO, CHAIRMAN OF THE UKRAINIAN WORLD COORDINATING COUNCIL

STEPHEN HERBITS
SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS



EXCERPT FROM
THE SPEECH
AT THE FORUM IN KYIV

**THOSE WHO WERE SILENT WERE COMPLICIT
IN GENOCIDE. THOSE WHO ARE SILENT TODAY,
WHO STALL NEGOTIATIONS AND PREVENT SERIOUS
PENALTIES FROM BEING DELIVERED TO THOSE
WHO WOULD DESTROY ISRAEL, WHO WOULD DENY
THE HOLOCAUST, WHO SUPPORT TERRORISM,
AND THREATEN NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION, BEAR GRAVE
RESPONSIBILITY. FOR BY NOT STANDING
UP TO THE THREAT THAT IS IRAN, THEY DENY
THE LESSONS OF BABI YAR.**

RABBI YISRAEL MEIR LAU
CHIEF RABBI OF TEL-AVIV,
FORMER BUCHENWALD PRISONER



EXCERPT FROM
THE SPEECH
AT THE FORUM IN KYIV

WE ARE HERE SIXTY-FIVE YEARS LATER TO SAY TO EACH OTHER: ALL THESE EXTREMISTS AND FUNDAMENTALISTS AND ALL THESE LEADERS SPEAKING FALSEHOODS AND DENYING THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE HOLOCAUST – TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY, PAY ATTENTION, GIVE YOUR EARS, GIVE YOUR HEARTS, GIVE YOUR CONCERN TO THOSE ELEMENTS, BECAUSE THEY MEAN WHAT THEY SAY. AND OUR SILENCE WILL NEVER LEAD TO THE FRUITFUL ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT MUST BE DONE IN ORDER TO PREVENT AND THWART ALL THESE HORRORS IN THE WORLD.

SERGEY MIRONOV
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL
OF FEDERATION OF THE FEDERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



EXCERPT FROM
THE SPEECH
AT THE FORUM IN KYIV

**PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT ETHNICITIES – JEWS,
UKRAINIANS, RUSSIANS, GYPSIES, ADULTS
AND CHILDREN, MEN AND WOMEN.**

**THIS MASSACRE WAS AND STILL REMAINS ONE
OF THE MOST TRAGIC EVENTS IN MODERN HISTORY
ALONG WITH AUSCHWITZ, MAJDANEK, TREBLINKA,
DROBITSKY YAR IN KHARKIV, AND THE SIEGE
OF LENINGRAD.**

**WHAT HAPPENED AT BABI YAR OVER TWO YEARS,
STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 1941, IS BEYOND HUMAN
COMPREHENSION.**

VIATCHESLAV MOSHE KANTOR
PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD HOLOCAUST
FORUM FOUNDATION, PRESIDENT
OF THE RUSSIAN JEWISH CONGRESS



EXCERPT FROM
THE SPEECH
AT THE FORUM IN KYIV

**THE CREATOR KEEPS TESTING US IN ORDER
TO HEAD US OFF THE PATH OF IDLENESS TO THE WAY
OF ETERNITY.**

**FACING ONE OF THE CRUELLEST TRAGEDIES OF
THE 20TH CENTURY, WE MUST UNDERSTAND WHAT
ACTUALLY HAPPENED SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
IN THE PLACE CALLED BABI YAR, AND WHAT ITS PLACE
IS IN HUMAN HISTORY.**

**STARTING IN 1933, STEP BY CAREFUL STEP,
THE NAZIS WERE TESTING THE WORLD'S TOLERANCE
FOR THEIR INTOLERANCE.**

VIKTOR YUSHCHENKO

PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE



EXCERPT FROM
THE SPEECH
AT THE FORUM IN KYIV

**OVER THE DECADES, THE MEMORY OF BABI YAR
WAS TURNED INTO FACELESS AND NAMELESS ASHES,
BELONGING TO NO NATION.**

**FROM THESE DUST AND ASHES, FROM THE HUNDREDS
OF YARS THAT HAVE SCARRED OUR DESTINY, UKRAINE
RAISES AN ETERNAL PRAYER FOR ITS CHILDREN,
AND FOR THE FIRST TIME RAISES ITS VOICE TO
ADDRESS HUMANITY IN THE NAME OF THE CATASTRO-
PHE, WHICH IS OF GLOBAL SIGNIFICANCE...**

**TIME STOPS BEFORE THEIR MEMORY, OPENING UP
AN ETERNITY THAT WE CAN ONLY REACH IN PRAYER.**

**I RECITE THIS PRAYER AS THE SON OF AN AUSCHWITZ
PRISONER, AS A UKRAINIAN, AS THE PRESIDENT
OF UKRAINE.**

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2006 **THE INTERNATIONAL** **FORUM** **IN COMMEMORATION** **OF THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY** **OF THE TRAGEDY IN BABI YAR**

**SHEVCHENKO NATIONAL
ACADEMIC OPERA
AND BALLET THEATRE OF UKRAINE**

LET MY PEOPLE LIVE!

**THESE DAYS, WITH NEO-NAZISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM
ALARMINGLY ON THE RISE, AND WITH THE VOICES
OF REVISIONIST HISTORIANS DENYING
THE HOLOCAUST EVEN LOUDER, HUMANITY SHOULD
BE AWARE OF THE LEVEL OF DANGER RESULTING
FROM IGNORING SUCH CONCERNS.**

**THEREFORE, HOLDING A SERIES OF TOP-LEVEL
INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN COMMEMORATION OF
THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BABI YAR TRAGEDY
IS OF GREAT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL IMPORTANCE
FOR THE WHOLE WORLD.**

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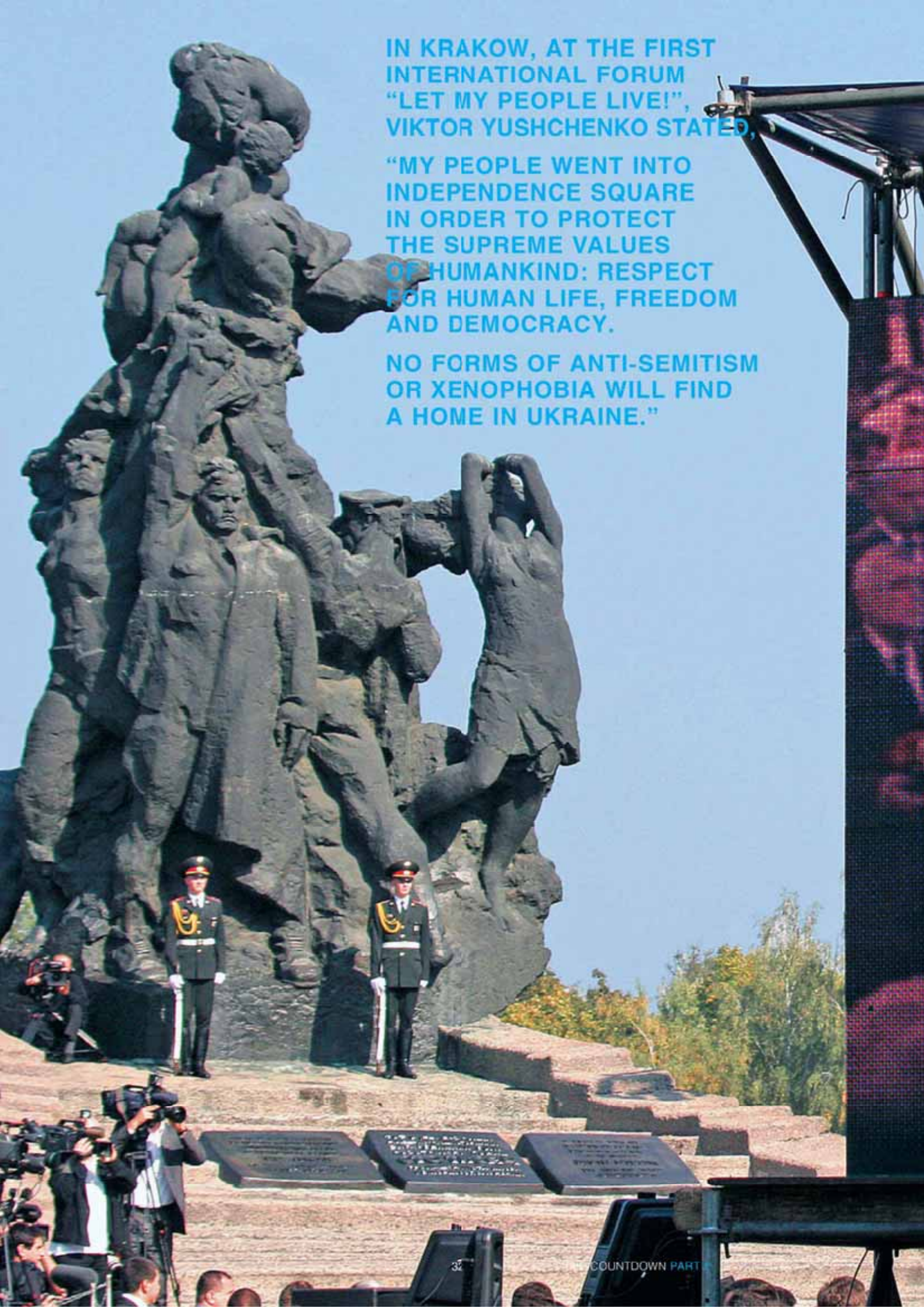


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IN KRAKOW, AT THE FIRST
INTERNATIONAL FORUM
“LET MY PEOPLE LIVE!”,
VIKTOR YUSHCHENKO STATED,

“MY PEOPLE WENT INTO
INDEPENDENCE SQUARE
IN ORDER TO PROTECT
THE SUPREME VALUES
OF HUMANKIND: RESPECT
FOR HUMAN LIFE, FREEDOM
AND DEMOCRACY.

NO FORMS OF ANTI-SEMITISM
OR XENOPHOBIA WILL FIND
A HOME IN UKRAINE.”

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THE OFFICIAL CEREMONY

MEDIA ABOUT
THE EVENT

ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE VIKTOR YUSHCHENKO, SUCH EVENTS "WILL BECOME A PART OF THE MAJOR EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN RECENTLY BY THE PUBLIC AND WORLD LEADERS TO ETERNALISE THE MEMORY OF THE NAZIS' VICTIMS."

"WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY ONCE AGAIN TO REMIND THE ENTIRE WORLD, AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR, OF THE IMPORTANCE OF REMEMBERING HISTORY'S LESSONS AND PREVENTING ANY MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTI-SEMITISM, XENOPHOBIA AND INTOLERANCE IN INTER-ETHNIC RELATIONS," YUSHCHENKO BELIEVES.

"BABI YAR IS STILL THE SECRET TRAGEDY OF HUMANKIND. FEW PEOPLE KNOW OF THE MONSTROUS ATROCITY THE BABI YAR TRAGEDY TRIGGERED. THE BABI YAR MASSACRE TRIGGERED SIX THOUSAND SIMILAR TRAGEDIES IN EUROPE. IT TRIGGERED THE EXTERMINATION OF 1.7 MILLION JEWS IN UKRAINE ALONE," VIATCHESLAV MOSHE KANTOR, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD HOLOCAUST FORUM FOUNDATION, PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN JEWISH CONGRESS SAID DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE IN KYIV.

ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL MOSHE KATSAV, TO PRESERVE HUMANITY AND GLOBAL HUMAN VALUES, WE MUST EDUCATE YOUNG PEOPLE OF ALL COUNTRIES. WE MUST TELL THEM ABOUT THE EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE DURING THE HOLOCAUST AND TEACH THEM THE HOLOCAUST'S LESSONS. "WE MUST ACT TOGETHER TO STOP ANTI-SEMITISM AND RACISM AND KEEP THEM FROM RAISING THEIR UGLY HEADS IN MANY PLACES AROUND THE GLOBE, AS THEY ARE DANGEROUS NOT ONLY FOR JEWS, BUT FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY APPEAR."





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SEPTEMBER 27, 2006 THE OFFICIAL CEREMONY

THE OFFICIAL CEREMONY IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF BABI YAR TOOK PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2006, AT THE "BABY YAR RAVINE" MONUMENT TO THE TRAGEDY'S VICTIMS AND WAS ATTENDED BY THE PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE, OTHER HEADS OF STATE AND LEADERS OF OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS, REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS FAITHS, AND THE PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM "LET MY PEOPLE LIVE!"

THE PARTICIPANTS HONOURED THE MEMORY OF BABI YAR'S VICTIMS BY LAYING FLOWERS AT THE MONUMENT AND OBSERVING A MINUTE OF SILENCE, FOLLOWED BY SPEECHES BY THE TRAGEDY'S SURVIVORS AND WITNESSES, AS WELL AS MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR A RANGE OF RELIGIONS.



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**RABBI YAAKOV DOV BLEICH RECITED *EL MALEH RACHAMIM* PRAYER
IN MEMORY OF THE BABI YAR VICTIMS.**

EXCERPT FROM
EL MALEH RACHAMIM
PRAYER

**G-D FULL OF MERCY WHO DWELLS ON HIGH! GRANT PERFECT REST TO
THE SOULS OF SIX MILLION JEWISH VICTIMS OF THE CATASTROPHE, WHO WERE
PUT TO DEATH, SLAUGHTERED, DROWNED, BURNED, STRANGLED BY ACCURSED
NAZIS AND THEIR ASSOCIATES... BECAUSE WE ARE AT ONE WITH THEIR
MEMORY AND WE PRAY FOR THE ELEVATION OF THEIR SOULS.
IN THEIR MERIT SHALL THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL RETURN TO ITS RIGHTFUL
PLACE. LET US SAY AMEN.**



SEPTEMBER 27, 2006 OFFICIAL WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT THE MENORAH MONUMENT

A MOURNING CEREMONY IN MEMORY OF THE BABI YAR VICTIMS WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27 AT THE MENORAH MONUMENT.

THE CEREMONY, ARRANGED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, WAS ATTENDED BY OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ISRAELI DELEGATION, LEADERS OF JEWISH DIASPORA COMMUNITIES AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

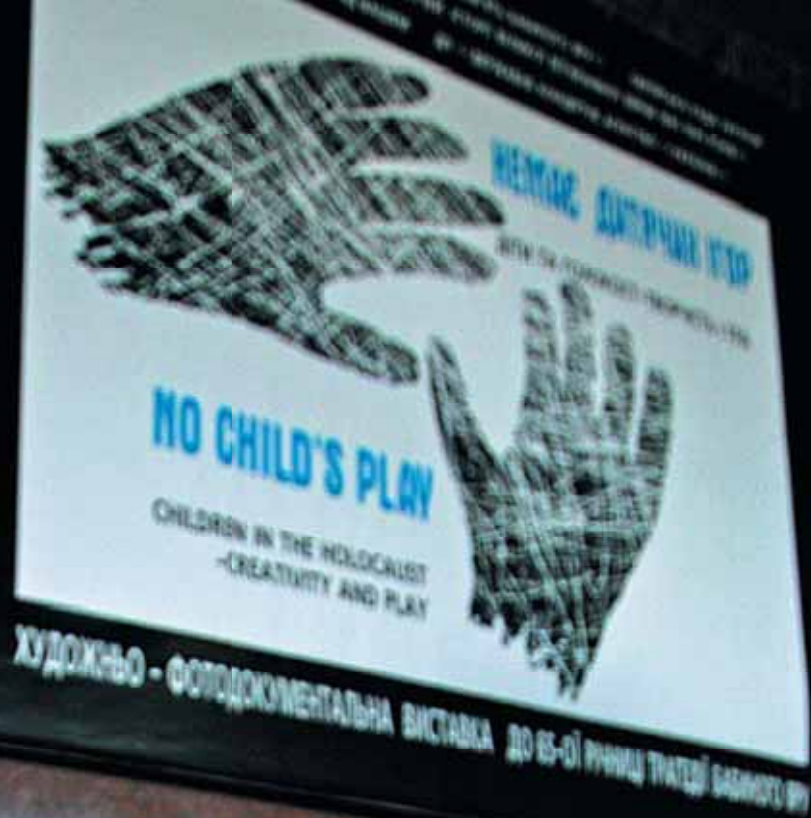
CEREMONY GUESTS OBSERVED A MINUTE OF SILENCE TO HONOUR BABI YAR VICTIMS AT THE PLACE WHERE THE FIRST MASS EXECUTIONS OF JEWS RESIDING IN KYIV AND ITS SUBURBS WERE CARRIED OUT 65 YEARS AGO.

MOSHE KATSAV, THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, DELIVERED A SPEECH AT THE MOURNING CEREMONY IN MEMORY OF THE BABI YAR VICTIMS. PEOPLE CAME TO THE MENORAH BEARING NOT ONLY FLOWERS AND CANDLES, BUT ALSO SMALL STONES FROM JERUSALEM THAT THEY LEFT AT THE MONUMENT IN KEEPING WITH AN ANCIENT JEWISH TRADITION AS A SIGN OF TRIBUTE AND RESPECT TO ALL THOSE KILLED AT THIS PLACE.

DELEGATIONS OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, YAD VASHEM, THE WORLD HOLOCAUST FORUM FOUNDATION, THE SOHNUT JEWISH AGENCY, INTERNATIONAL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS AND UKRAINIAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES LAID FLOWERS AT THE MENORAH MEMORIAL DURING THE MOURNING CEREMONY IN COMMEMORATION OF BABI YAR'S VICTIMS.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL CLOSED THE CEREMONY.





"NO CHILD'S PLAY"

CHILDREN IN THE HOLOCAUST - CREATIVITY AND PLAY

Approximately one and a half million of the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust were children. The number of children who survived is estimated to be over thousands.

The Holocaust brought the childhood of these youngsters to an untimely end. Nevertheless, even those murdered in the Holocaust and the few who survived continued to be children, although they took on additional functions. In many cases, they became breadwinners and gave their parents the encouragement and hope to continue their desperate daily struggle for survival.

Moreover, wherever they could, the children like others, they played. Though their creativity and imagination were often stifled, they still played and began.

We shall remember them forever.



א קינד פון לאדזשער געטא, די 3 יאר איקע
חיהלע וועקסמאן, וועלכע איז אויסגע-
קומען אין איינציגער גאראזש פארשטען
פון איר יונגע שטיקל חתם וועקסמאן.



Yiddish Museum, 200 West 4th Street, New York, NY 10014

SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

MEDIA ABOUT
THE EVENT

HOLOCAUST HISTORY IN BLACK AND WHITE: PHOTOS SHOW PEOPLE KILLED IN THE TRAGEDY THAT CLAIMED ONE AND A HALF MILLION HUMAN LIVES. THE YAD VASHEM MUSEUM BEGAN COLLECTING THESE PHOTOS AFTER



In the Shadow of War



After the Nazis' rise to power in 1933, the plight of German Jews worsened steadily. Laws were passed which affected every facet of their daily lives, and restricted them, among other things, from the economy and general educational opportunities. Jewish communities tried to set up their own educational systems. Growing numbers sought to leave Germany, but few countries were willing to accept them due to a general fear of anti-Semitism.

Many parents decided to put their children and send them away to order to survive their fathers. Before the outbreak of World War II in September 1939, Youth Aliyah succeeded in bringing over 1,000 children to Palestine. Another 1,000 found shelter in Great Britain after it was made in November 1948. Many diamonds, however, sought asylum unsuccessfully. Most of the children who emigrated grew up their parents again.



Ghettos

During World War II (1939-1945), the Nazis and their collaborators concentrated Jews into ghettos in cities across Europe and North America. These ghettos were often overcrowded and unsanitary, and the Jews were subjected to harsh conditions. The Nazis used the ghettos as a way to isolate the Jews from the rest of society and to prepare them for deportation to concentration camps.



The child's drawing shows a simple figure and some text, likely a letter or a drawing made by a child in a ghetto.

A Dream

Many children who survived the war and the Holocaust grew up in a world where they were often treated as outsiders. They had to deal with the loss of their families and the trauma of the war. Many children who survived the war and the Holocaust grew up in a world where they were often treated as outsiders. They had to deal with the loss of their families and the trauma of the war.

In Hiding

Thousands of Jews sought shelter in homes, basements, and other places. Many survived the war with their families, while others were often separated from their families. The survival rate was low, even higher than the one mentioned. The number of Jews who survived the war is estimated to be around 1.5 million.



NO CHILDS' PLAY
EXHIBITION
LOANED BY
YAD VASHEM MUSEUM,
JERUSALEM, ISRAEL
Curator – Yehudit Inbar
Designer – Pnina Friedman

THE WAR AND HAS BEEN EXHIBITING THEM ALL OVER THE WORLD EVER SINCE. NOW THEY HAVE BECOME THE BACKDROP FOR THE OPENING OF THE FORUM IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BABI YAR TRAGEDY. MOST OF THE PHOTOS ARE OF JEWISH CHILDREN WITH THEIR TOYS, DRAWINGS AND LETTERS, SHOWING THE SHATTERED CHILDHOOD OF AN ENTIRE GENERATION.

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OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION
IN COMMEMORATION
OF THE TRAGEDY IN BABI YAR

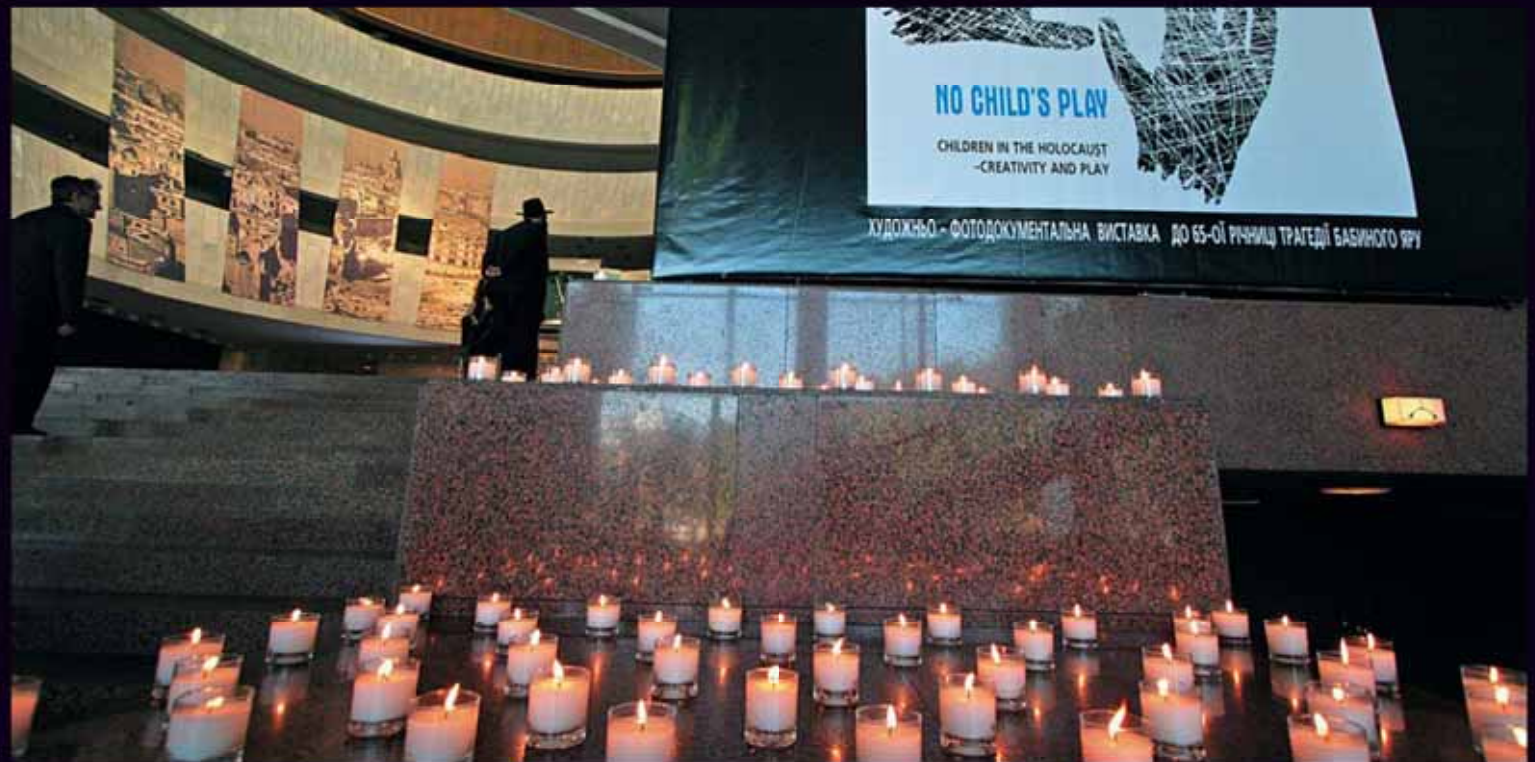




ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2006, A TWO-PART EXHIBITION IN MEMORY OF BABI YAR VICTIMS OPENED IN THE UKRAINIAN HOUSE ARTS PALACE AS PART OF OFFICIAL EVENTS MARKING 65 YEARS SINCE THE TRAGEDY IN BABI YAR.

THE FIRST PART OF THE EXHIBITION, *FOREWARNING THE FUTURE*, WAS ORGANIZED BY THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM OF UKRAINE, THE BABI YAR MEMORY FOUNDATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE OF KYIV.

THE SECOND PART OF THE EXHIBITION, *NO CHILD'S PLAY*, WAS ARRANGED BY YAD VASHEM, THE HOLOCAUST MARTYRS' AND HEROES' REMEMBRANCE AUTHORITY.



THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION WAS ATTENDED BY OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM "LET MY PEOPLE LIVE!"

VIKTOR YUSHCHENKO, PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE, OPENED THE EXHIBITION.

AFTER THE TOUR OF THE EXHIBITION, A RECEPTION WAS HELD ON BEHALF OF VIKTOR YUSHCHENKO, PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE, FOR OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM "LET MY PEOPLE LIVE!"

SEPTEMBER 26, 2006 OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION IN COMMEMORATION OF THE TRAGEDY IN BABI YAR THE UKRAINIAN HOUSE ARTS PALACE

MEDIA ABOUT
THE EVENT

AT THE OPENING, THE PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE STRESSED THAT EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE CEREMONY WAS COMMEMORATING THE TRAGEDY FROM WORLD WAR II AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE VICTIMS OF ONE OF ITS MOST HORRIBLE EPISODES, THE BABI YAR MASSACRE THAT TOOK PLACE 65 YEARS AGO. MORE THAN 100,000 PEOPLE OF VARIOUS ETHNICITIES WERE KILLED IN THE HOLOCAUST. THEREFORE, BABI YAR MUST BECOME AN INOCULATION TO PROTECT AND FOREWARN THE WORLD ABOUT AGGRESSIVE AND VIOLENT XENOPHOBIA. "TIME MAY HEAL OUR WOUNDS, BUT IT CAN NOT ERASE THE HISTORY FROM OUR MEMORY... THIS HISTORY IS MADE OF HUMAN LIVES INTERRUPTED."



EXCERPT FROM
AN INTERVIEW WITH
VIATCHESLAV MOSHE
KANTOR

THE ACTS OF BRAVERY PERFORMED BY THE RIGHTEOUS
AMONG THE NATIONS WERE EXTREMELY ADMIRABLE.
THOSE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE RISKED THEIR
LIVES, OFTEN PAYING THE ULTIMATE PRICE, TO SAVE
THE LIVES OF JEWS. THEY DID NOT ACT OUT OF ANY PAR-
TICULAR LOVE FOR JEWS. THEY WERE SIMPLY INCAPABLE
OF WATCHING INDIFFERENTLY AS WOMEN, CHILDREN,
AND ELDERLY PEOPLE WERE KILLED.

DECREE OF THE PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE ON AWARDING THE ORDER OF MERIT

FOR THEIR COURAGE AND SELF-SACRIFICE DEMONSTRATED DURING
THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR IN SAVING JEWISH PEOPLE FROM FASCIST GENOCIDE
AND FOR PRESERVING THE MEMORY OF THE HOLOCAUST VICTIMS,
I HEREBY RESOLVE:

TO AWARD THE ORDER OF MERIT,
2ND CLASS, TO

Galina V. DANILKO, Kyiv

AND TO AWARD THE ORDER OF MERIT,
3RD CLASS TO

Zeynab Zh. AZNAKAEVA

Vera A. ANDREEVA

Vladimir N. APATSKY

Anna I. BEBIKH

Evgeniya F. BESPALOVA

Pyotr K. BESSMERTNY

Neonila B. BELOSTOTSKAYA

Nina F. BOGORAD

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Ekaterina P. VLASENKO

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Evgeniya P. VORONINA

Alexandra S. GASANOVA

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Nina T. GLADCHENKO

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Vladimir S. GOLOVAY

Nikolay S. GOLOVAY

Galina F. GOLOVCHENKO

Nikolay A. GRABOVSKY

Alexander K. GROKHOLSKY

Neonila V. DOVGODKO

Inna M. EVGENIEVA

Yuri I. ERMOLENKO

Irina N. ZHIVLYUK

Lyudmila N. ZHIVLYUK

Raisa N. ZHILINSKAYA

Anna S. ZHURAVEL

Elena E. ZAVADSKAYA

Lyudmila I. ZAVOROTNA

Georgy I. ZAMESHAYLOV

Ninel A. IVANOVA



Vera I. IZMALKOVA

Nadezhda I. IZMALKOVA

Viktor P. KARASEVSKY

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Valentin I. KOTOV

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Valery N. KONCHAKOVSKY

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Maria Z. KOROLENKO

Stepan A. KORCLEV

Lukash K. KOSTYUKEVICH

Alexander K. KOSTYUKEVICH

Boris D. KRAVETS

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The most horrible stage of the Holocaust, the stage of total extermination of Jews, began with the shootings at the edge of the Babi Yar ravine. Over the course of two days in September 1941, the Nazis killed more than 33,000 of Kyiv's Jews, mainly women, children and the elderly. Only a few witnesses and survivors still remember the Kyiv "death walk" that ended in Babi Yar on the city's outskirts. Fewer still can understand the chilling terror and utter loneliness of a human being standing face to face with the Nazi death machine. That absolute loneliness still fills this area of Kyiv. It is the loneliness of a people faced with extermination. It is the loneliness of an individual facing death.

It was after the mass murder in Babi Yar that the Nazis, emboldened by the international community's apathy, embarked on their campaign to exterminate the Jewish people in occupied Europe. In January 1942, only four months after the tragedy in Babi Yar, the Wannsee conference passed "the final solution of the Jewish question." In February 1942, the Nazis opened the Belzec death camp. In March, they started building Sobibor. Majdanek and Treblinka were converted into death camps. In June 1942, the gas chambers in Poland's Oswiecim began operating at full capacity. The civilized world contributed to the creation of death camps when it refused to see the dangerous events that led in a straight line to their foundation.

The scale and nature of the Catastrophe linking Auschwitz and Babi Yar were terrible, indeed. Nearly six million people died in the flames of the Holocaust. Very few could have foreseen that the tragedy would go that far. It started with seemingly harmless social and economic oppression of Jews. The measures ranged from taking away their property to forcing sales at insultingly low prices. As a result, the Nazi ideology of genocide led to the pogroms of Crystal Night, the mass murder at Babi Yar and the death camps, all of which are linked together.

The executions in Babi Yar marked the transition to an open, physical extermination of Jews. They are a symbol of suffering, cruelty and absolute anti-humanism. This tragedy belongs not only to Jews in Kyiv and Ukraine, but to all countries and nations: the USSR,

Europe and the whole world. Mass murders of Jews similar to the Babi Yar tragedy cropped up all over occupied Europe. The infernal instrument of death that was switched on at Babi Yar had its sights on more than just Jews. The Nazis planned to use the same techniques to exterminate other ethnic groups that Nazi ideology found undesirable. In a salient point made at the 2005 World Holocaust Forum in Krakow, President Vladimir Putin said "Today, six decades later, we see the Holocaust not only as a national tragedy of the Jewish people but as a catastrophe for all of humanity."

Looking back at the events of the 1930s, we can theorize that if the world had not been so indifferent to the fate of Germany's Jews, neither the Babi Yar tragedy nor the Holocaust would have happened. However, the world turned a blind eye to obviously racist German laws, to pogroms against Jews, to the distress of Jewish emigrants before World War II, and to mass executions of civilians at the beginning of the war. All of this led up to the genocide and the Catastrophe.

With xenophobia, ethnic and religious intolerance and aggressive anti-Semitism on the rise today, the world must realize the consequences of its indifference. Auschwitz, Babi Yar, *die Kristallnacht*, and the Nürnberg Laws are the countdown giving us a chance to peer into the future. If we understand the roots of the tragedy and the way it developed, we will find the answer for preventing its recurrence.

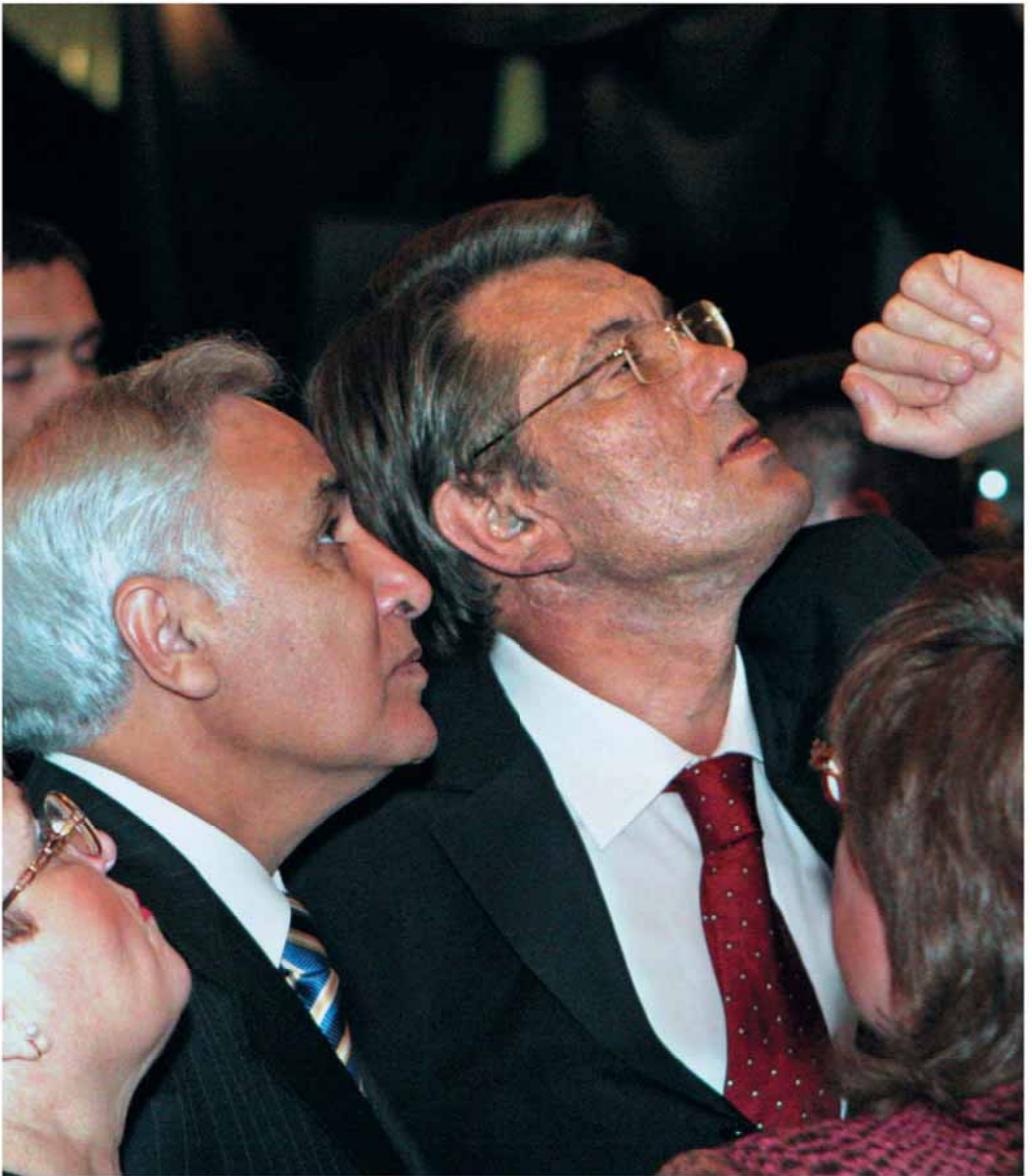
We will never succeed in building a good and fair future unless we preserve the memory of our historical tragedies and understand the suffering we have inherited from the past.

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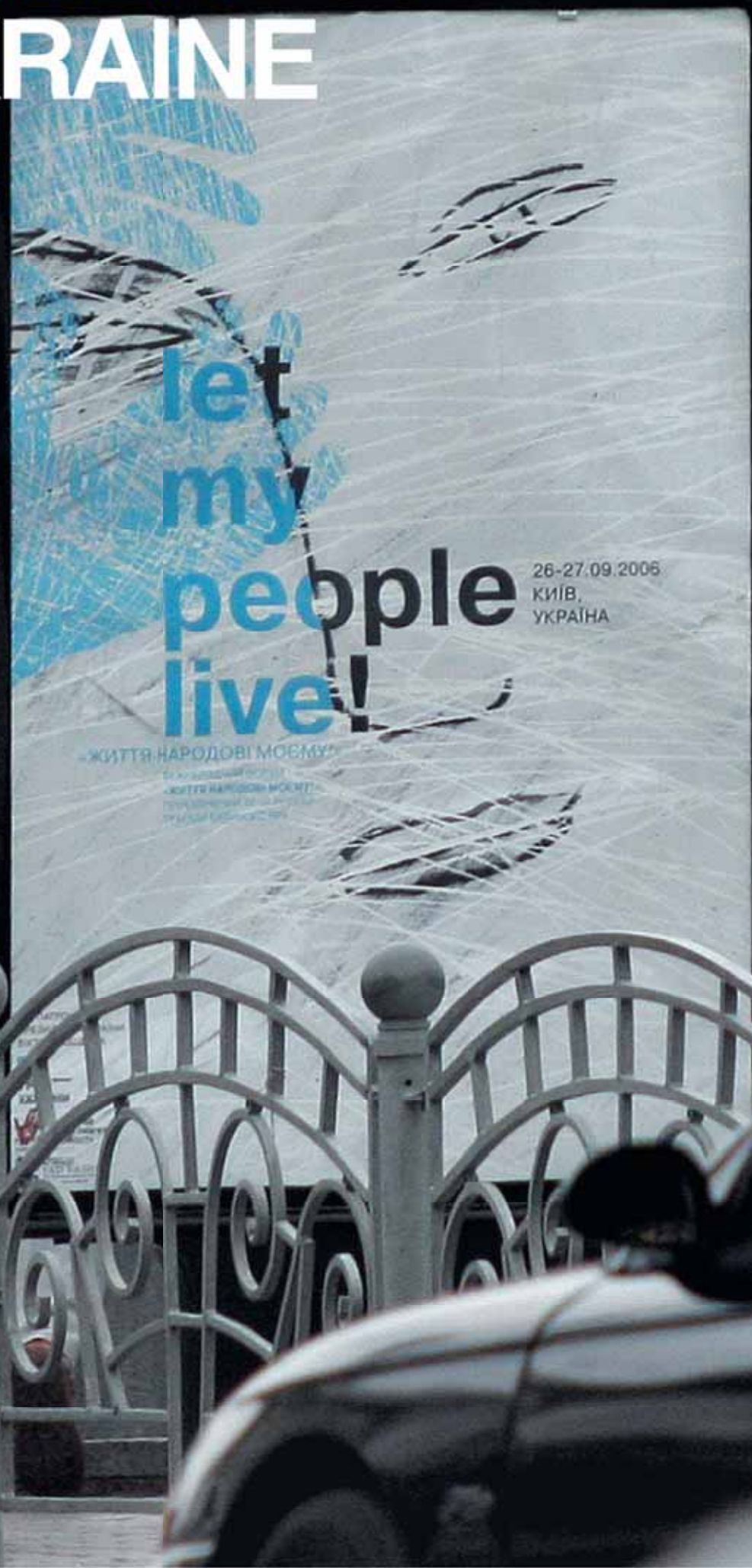
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