

RUMBULA AND THE HOLOCAUST IN LATVIA

A Guide For Educators and Spiritual Leaders

Holocaust Discussion Questions

1. Why do we study the Holocaust?
2. What meaning does the Holocaust have for us more than half a century later?
3. Why did the Holocaust happen?
4. How did people survive the Holocaust?
5. Could something like the Holocaust ever happen again?
6. Should we try to prevent genocide from happening again?
7. How can we prevent a future Holocaust or genocide?

Jewish Latvia Discussion Questions

1. How many Jews lived in Latvia before the war?
2. How many Jews were alive in Latvia the day the war ended? How did they survive?
3. How many Jews live in Latvia today?
4. Who are some of the most famous Jewish personalities from Latvia?
Rabbis:
 - Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, chief Rabbi of Israel
 - Rabbi Meir Simcha HaKohen of Dvinsk (Mitnagim)
also called: The Ohr Someyach or The Meshech Chochmah
 - The Rogatchover Gaon – Rabbi Yosef Rosen (Hassidim)

Related Videos, Films

Please visit www.Rumbula.org for information about and links to film and videos. These include Holocaust in Latvia films *De Presidente* and *Madonna with Child – XX Century*; Jewish Latvia videos and the film *Wooden Synagogues of Europe*.

Student Research Projects

1. The actions at Rumbula Forest (also called Rumbuli Forest)
2. The Einsatzgruppen, the Mobile Killing Squads
3. The Riga Ghetto
4. Latvian Jewry Today
5. Latvian Jewry before the War
6. Riga, Latvia
7. Dvinsk (now Daugavpils), Latvia
8. Jewish Survivors of Latvia organization (based in the New York area)
9. Meet and interview a Holocaust survivor
10. Conduct genealogy research on your family. Go back to the generations alive at the onset of WW-II and discover the war's impact on your family.

Most of these subjects require use of the web. There are also books, or parts of books, on most subjects.