



2 August 1944  
80<sup>th</sup> anniversary

# European Holocaust Memorial Day 2024 for Roma and Sinti

## Outline of the 2 August 2024 – Program of the International Commemoration

### 2 August 2024 Schedule and logistical considerations

Venue: The commemoration ceremony (2 August 12.00) takes place at the Roma and Sinti memorial in Birkenau camp section B II e:  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Y4vKkAPd66nrw3mR6>,  
access and VIP parking will be organized here (registration required):  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/qjjiTtFM1SP6rzAY9>

License plate number of buses/cars:

Please send it to [zentralrat@sintiundroma.de](mailto:zentralrat@sintiundroma.de) (or to the Museum).  
Only registered vehicles are allowed to enter the reserved parking site next to the commemoration.

Buses to the international commemoration

- Departure at 9.00 AM from Auditorium Maximum of Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Krupnicza 33, 31-123 Kraków, <https://maps.app.goo.gl/QQwYNBRGjFckvgCU6>

Wreath delivery: The wreaths should be delivered by 10.30 AM by the flower shops at the entrance to camp section B II e. Institutions can also deliver wreaths upon arrival.

Attention: Due to the high number of participants and the high-level political representatives, the Museum security will do a security check at the entrance. Bags should not be bigger than the size of an A4 paper.

Program

10.30-11.15	<i>Entrance of the guests of the international commemoration</i>
11.30	VIP Meeting at the entrance gate to camp section B II e
11.45	Finalization of seating
<b>12:00-13:15</b>	<b>Commemoration ceremony</b>
<b>13:15-14:00</b>	<b>Wreath Laying Ceremony</b>
14.00-14.30	Return to parking and departure

## 2 August 2024 International Commemoration

### 12.00-13.15 International commemoration ceremony in Birkenau at the Roma and Sinti memorial in camp section B II e, followed by the wreath-laying ceremony

Simultaneous interpretation is provided in PL, EN, DE, Romani

- Opening: Music by the Dardo Balke Ensemble
- Opening remarks by the organizers: Mr. Roman Kwiatkowski (Association of Roma in Poland), Mr. Romani Rose (Central Council of German Sinti and Roma)
- Song “Aušvicate hi kher baro”, performed by Dr. Petra Gelbart
- Ms. Alma Klasing, Holocaust survivor
- Mr. Bolesław Rumanowski, Holocaust survivor
- Musical Interlude “Na Bister”, pianist Adrian Gaspar with choir of young people
- Ms. Małgorzata Kidawa-Błońska, Marshal of the Senate of the Republic of Poland
- Ms. Bärbel Bas, President of the German Bundestag
- Mr. Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Mr. Dani Dayan, Chairman of Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Centre
- Musical Interlude by the Dardo Balke Ensemble
- Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations (video-message)
- Musical Interlude by pianist Adrian Gaspar
- Moderation: Mr. Piotr Krasnowolski

### 13.15 – 14.00 Wreath Laying Ceremony according to the diplomatic protocol

Accompanied by the music of Adrian Gaspar (piano) and the Dardo Balke Ensemble

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## 2 August 2024 Lunch Reception

Venue: [Hotel Galicja](#), Generała Jarosława Dąbrowskiego 119, 32-600 Oświęcim  
14:30 **Lunch Reception**, for high-level representatives, parliamentary representatives, diplomatic corps, governmental representatives, international organizations

Venue: [Centre for Dialogue and Prayer](#), Maksymiliana Kolbego 1, 32-600 Oświęcim  
14:30 **Buffet Lunch**, for other international groups, civil society, conference guests

Venue: [International Youth Meeting Centre in Oświęcim](#)  
14:30 **Buffet Lunch**, for international youth groups

## 2 August 2024 Optional program offers

Venue: Museum Entrance / Visitor Centre is located at 55 Więźniów Oświęcimia Street.  
14.00-20.00 **Visit Block 13 (Exhibition about the Genocide of Sinti and Roma) and Auschwitz I**  
Entry permission: [please print and bring this document to the entrance.](#)

Venue: Headquarters of the Centre of Roma History and Culture, 5 Berka Joselewicza St.  
16:00-18:30 **Visit of the "Centre of Roma History and Culture in Oświęcim"**  
See this information and [print for the entry permission.](#)

Venue: International Youth Meeting Centre in Oświęcim  
16:30-18:00 **International youth event "Dikh He Na Bister"**, meeting of young Roma and Sinti with the Holocaust survivor Christian Pfeil

### Transportation

16.30 *Departure of the first bus to Kraków*

20.30 *Departure of the second bus to Kraków after the memorial concert*

**Important:** *For any other concerns, e.g. 2 August afternoon departures from the Kraków airport, please contact the organizational team.*

## 2 August 2024 Roman Catholic Parish of St. Joseph the Worker in Oświęcim

Venue *Parafia Rzymskokatolicka św. Józefa Robotnika w Oświęcimiu*  
Church Parafia sw. Józefa, Jana Kilińskiego 15, 32-600 Oświęcim,  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/ukzFWzU3x9YDmZkp9>

19:00-20.30 **Concert in memory of the Roma and Sinti murdered 80 years ago:**  
**"The Harps of Papusza"**  
**a symphonic poem by Jan Kanty Pawluśkiewicz**  
**based on the poems of "Papusza" (Bronisława Wajs)**

20.30 *Departure of the second bus to Kraków after the memorial concert*