

A Holocaust Memorial Day Event, Exeter 2023

Investigating life for Jewish people trapped in the Warsaw Ghetto through the finds of the extraordinary Oyneg Shabbes Archive



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- Dr Avril Alba
- The Lady Chapel, Exeter Cathedral
- 7.00pm Thurs 19th Jan 2023
- Free event

The **Warsaw Ghetto** was the largest of the Nazi ghettos during WW2 and the Holocaust. It was established in Nov 1940 and, at its height, as many as 460,000 Jews were imprisoned there. In the summer of 1942, at least 254,000 ghetto residents were sent to the Treblinka extermination camp. The ghetto was demolished by the Germans in May 1943 after the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising had temporarily halted the deportations.

Buried in milk cans and tin boxes under the rubble of the Warsaw ghetto, the **Oyneg Shabbes** archive constitutes the largest collection of Jewish writing about the ghetto. The compilation of the archive was both an everyday and extraordinary act of courage and defiance that has bequeathed to us knowledge that otherwise would have perished alongside its creators. This lecture will discuss the origins and content of the archive and its implications for remembering the Holocaust today.

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