



Public Schools nr 1 in Chelm Project: The Whole World Is a One Big Chelm

An excerpt from an article that appeared in the school newspaper Verboom

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The educational programme "To Bring Memory Back" is an invitation to start searching for national minorities in information on local history in particular on Jews. It is also a way of paying homage to those who have long left us by gathering valuable knowledge, be preserving memory and also in a very concrete dimension by taking care of the cemeteries (which are often deserted and neglected).

In the framework of the educational programme students will try to reconstruct the history of the Jews in our area and also to work upon creating within themselves an openness and tolerance for people of another culture and religion.

The main tasks of the students:

- Taking care of the cemetery
- Finding allies
- Presenting the culture of the Jewish population in an interesting way
- Organizing a route through the Jewish historic monuments
- Workshops for younger grades on the future of the region
- An exhibition of art works

Our school in one of the educational programme's participants. Under the supervision and direction of our headmistress Mrs Beata Lukaszewska -Bres, grades 1d from middle school and 1b high school have agreed to take part in this programme. Both grades have already carried out the first task from the list above. - The have prepared information on the Jews in Chelm in the form of photo albums, art works, posters and they also collected reports from witnesses. A meeting with Mr Lubaszewski took place, to which other grades were invited, with the aim to inform the students on the history of the Jews in Chelm.

If you want to get more information on the Jews, please visit the following sites:
www.fodz.pl, www.jewish.org.pl, www.warszawa.jewish.org.pl, www.israel.pl,
www.centrum-anielewicz.uw.edu.pl, www.schorr.edu.pl, www.fzp.jewish.org.pl,
www.jewishmuseum.org.pl, www.pusz.org, www.czulent.pl,
www.yadvashem.org.il, www.jewishinstitute.orh.pl, and
www.historiazydow.edu.pl.