

My memory. My responsibility. At my place.

The Tolerance Education Center of Kalvarija Gymnasium in response to the changes in organization of activities in 2020-2021 implemented the project "Discover Kalvarija". During the project, the students carried out a historical research work "Migration of the population of Kalvarija in the pre-war period until 1941". Students collected memories of still-living witnesses, press information at the time, statistics, etc. on the migration and interrelationships of the main ethnic groups, the largest of which were Jews, the situation of war refugees in Kalvarija, their impact on the city and its development. It was found that about 800 refugees fled through the Suwalki Triangle and probably through Kalvarija, the Jewish community of Kalvarija was able to shelter and supply those who have arrived; some coincidences were found between the victims of the Yad Vashem Shoah database and the surnames issued by Ch.Sugihara as well as a specific example of a Jewish family that stopped in Kalvarija and later received visas from the embassies of the Netherlands and Japan, etc. The research work was presented to the students and teachers of gymnasium; the use of information in history lessons is being prepared. During the activities, teachers and senior students formed a walking route to explore the history of Kalvarija and part of the Jewish heritage, the main points of this route became a complex of Kalvarija synagogues, cultural heritage, and the most important buildings have survived, other stories. The waypoints of the route are arranged according to its intended distances and suitability for persons of different age groups and mobility possibilities. The walking route, in cooperation with the initiators of the # walk15 program, has been transferred to the virtual space, there it is presented in Lithuanian and English, with text and sound, supplemented with old photos and tasks adapted for different age groups. The route is available and can be used by all users; it is suitable for cognitive travel, educational activities. 2 teachers and 5 students participated in the project activities, these activities were presented to the whole community of Kalvarija Gymnasium, and also, they were introduced to the town community. The Cognitive Route is currently used to organize distance learning activities, to present the town's highlights and promote youth mobility.

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