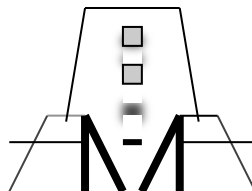


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To whom it may concern:

*The Museum of History and Regional Studies, and Jewish Resistance Museum* in Novogrudok plans to renew its annual seminar for secondary school and university teachers on Jewish culture and Holocaust in Belarus on October 11-14, 2018.

The seminar will coincide with an unveiling ceremony of the Memorial Wall dedicated to the last 227 prisoners of the Novogrudok ghetto. These Jewish prisoners built a tunnel from the barrack where they lived and accomplished a daring escape 75 years ago to join the Bielski partisans.

Novogrudok (Navaredok) was prominent in the Jewish world as a center of learning thanks to its Rabbis; it occupies a very special place in the history of the Holocaust in Belarus due to the resistance of its Jews, in particular the Bielski Jewish partisan detachment and the escape through the tunnel which was by far the most successful one in Nazi-occupied Europe.

Our mission is to provide the participants of our seminars with tools how to use such historical materials for educational purposes. We would also like to learn from the participants about their methods of teaching about the Holocaust.

In order to effectively teach about the Holocaust, we're creating a teaching trunk. The teaching trunk will focus on how the Holocaust affected the Jewish youth of Belarus. Out of 6 000 000 Jews who perished in the Holocaust 1 500 000 were children. It is important for the youth living in Belarus today to know what happened to other children in Belarus over seventy years ago.

The trunk will share the experiences of Jewish children in Belarus who perished, as well as the stories of the youth who managed to survive, and the courageous stories of individuals who risked their lives to help others and by doing so resisted the Nazis.

We're seeking diaries, letters, poems, drawings and memoirs created by those who witnessed the Holocaust in Belarus. The trunk will include artifacts connected to the Holocaust, such as small possessions owned by Jews in Belarus (such as eyeglasses, shoes, toys, religious items). Hopefully there will be a story connected to each item.

The trunk will also include a teacher's guide explaining the significance of the items and some recommendations for teaching about the Holocaust.

The teaching trunk would be loaned to individual schools and other institutions for a specific amount of time and will travel throughout Belarus.

For further information regarding the seminar and the teaching trunk, please contact Tamara Vershitskaya at [Wtamar@mail.ru](mailto:Wtamar@mail.ru)