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# Voices of a Murdered City: Archaeology of the Warsaw Ghetto

With Dr Jacek Konik  
excavation coordinator of the Warsaw Ghetto



Dr Konik holding a child's shoe (left), Anielewicz Mound, site of Mila 18 bunker (centre) Netilat yadayim, found in possible prayer room (right)

Extreme overcrowding in the Warsaw Ghetto forced families to live in the interlocking cellars of tenement buildings. When the Nazis firebombed and razed the area in response to the 1943 Ghetto Uprising, countless people were entombed beneath impenetrable rubble.

With Jewish law prohibiting disturbance of the dead, was there a way to investigate what lay beneath?

In 2021-22, with the use of non-invasive technologies, Dr Konik's team exposed the cellar adjoining Mila 18, thus becoming

witnesses to lives lived underground and collecting over 3,000 ordinary but priceless objects.

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Date & Time: **Tuesday 26th May 8 - 9 pm (EST)**

Teams link: <https://bit.ly/VoicesofaMurderedCity>



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