

Michael Valley of Valea Lui Mihai: Remembers those dragged away

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The Holocaust in Romania remembrance occurred last year on the date established for the deportation of local (Jewish) victims.

At the Jewish cemetery in Michael's Valley (Valea Lui Mihai) for some years, some (contributors) erected memorial column for the victims (of the Holocaust) with the inscription:

“Murdered them with hate, their memory saved with love.”

In 1944, Valea Lui Mihai Jews were dragged (forced) and died as Martyrs in religious remembrance. The (memorial) column has roots in the local (remaining) handful (of Jews still living in the) community. (One of those Jews is) Filip Jozsef (who) saluted the participants (at the dedication ceremony).

A considerable part of Valea Lui Miahai inhabitants were the Jews, since the past early third century. Of about nine thousand population (of Valea Lui Mihai in 1944), more than 1,600 were (of the) Jewish faith.

After May 15, 1944, the first wagon (of deportations) from Valea Lui Mihai rolled to the Oradea's railroad station towards the death camps. We were in those transports. The introduction itself, moved the speaker, then one minute silence in the departed memory.

In the self govern name, Kovacs Zoltan mayor (of Valea Lui Mihai) placed a wreath (flower crown) in remembrance to the Jews, of those at the past time contributed establishing the settlers city-citizens-commercial considerable growth (improvement of Valea Lui Mihai) .

On the (day of) remembrance, one local student also participated with Banto Norbert's principal guidance. The V. E. students few words said Gurka Aniko (born Bauer) Jewish tradition of 1938 and to follow Jewish traditional laws, then with the children walked through the cemetery, where once many honorable (are) almost forgotten or only the elders remember the Valea Lui Mihai (Jewish) citizen's burial place they could see.