

MEMORIAL MUSEUM OF JEWISH SCIESOPOLI

CHILDREN HOME OF SELVINO

Friends,

The progress to preserve the memory of Jewish Sciesopoli (1945-1948), which began in 2012, goes on. Through significant dedication of energy and voluntary work, the Municipal Administration of Selvino, with the collaboration of the Italian Jewish Communities' Union (UCEI), of the Centre for Contemporary Jewish Documentation (CDEC), of the Ministry for Cultural Assets, Activities and Tourism (MiBACT) and the Children of Selvino Association go toward the forthcoming realization of the "Memorial Museum of Jewish Sciesopoli – Children Home of Selvino". This is also meant to provide a space to illustrate the origin of Sciesopoli as a children colony of the Fascist period as well as the time in which it operated as welfare institution: after 1948 the building was in fact used to assist needy children as well as children of the dependants of Lombardy's industries and institutions (Ferrovie Nord, Breda, Falck, Edison, ...).

Jewish Sciesopoli is the structure that sheltered in Selvino, between 1945 and 1948, around 800 orphaned children who survived the Shoah, brought them back to life, play, study and cheerfulness while directing them toward Aliyah in Eretz Israel and, in some cases, to family reunions.

The Municipal Administration of Selvino has made available a space, already renovated and adapted for the purpose of realizing the Memorial Museum; the Ministry for Cultural Assets has declared Sciesopoli a protected building for its historical value; CDEC has embarked upon the historical research and documentation; UCEI supports the project with tangible determination. The Memorial Museum will operate under their patronage, together with that of others mentioned in the brochure.

The display plan, prepared free of charge by Architects Andrea Costa and Giovanna Latis, is attached.

We intend to inaugurate the Memorial Museum before the end of 2019, to mark the 71st anniversary of the happy conclusion of that experience of rebirth.

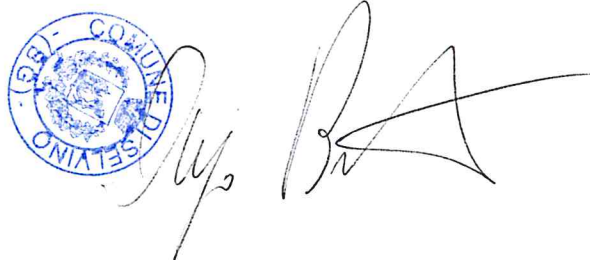
There is a need for additional funds for the completion of the works, in the form of furnishing, panels, video and audio installations, photographic reproductions and so on. The estimated cost is around 40.000 Euro. Additional funds will be needed to guarantee museum's activities mainly devoted to raising youth's civic awareness, impart knowledge on the history of the region and on the Italian contribution to post-war recovery of Jewish people.

Any donation will be welcome. Donations may be made through money transfer or bank check in favour of COMUNE DI SELVINO, IBAN IT 43 G 03111 53509 0000 0 0012724, UBI Unione Banche Italiane, cod. SWIFT/BIC BLOPIT22XXX, indicating as purpose "Museo Memoriale Sciesopoli Ebraica - Casa dei Bambini di Selvino".

We thank you as of now for the attention and for your generosity. We shall keep you informed of any significant development in the collection of funds and in the realization of the Museum. The names of those contributing above 5.000 Euros will be included in a list to be displayed in the Memorial Museum. Donations will be partly tax-deductible, in accordance with legal provisions.

Warm greetings

For Municipal Administration of Selvino
The Mayor, Diego Bertocchi

The image shows the official seal of the Municipality of Selvino, which is circular and contains the text "COMUNE DI SELVINO" and "1957". To the right of the seal is a handwritten signature in blue ink.